

FAMED GOTHAM HOTEL IS READY FOR WRECKERS

Last Guests Check Out of Waldorf-Astoria; Office Building on Site.

By United Press
NEW YORK, May 1.—The last guests are checking out at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel today.

By nightfall the cry of the auctioneer and the clack of his hammer will have disposed of the fittings and trappings of this palace which has housed Presidents, kings, queens and princes.

Thursday the hasty hands of wreckers will seize upon it to raze it to the ground.

Thirty-six years ago the Waldorf-Astoria opened its doors to the public, on March 14, 1893, with a gathering of 1,500 persons of the social elite.

Tuesday night it closed its career with dinner at \$10 a plate, all of the proceeds going to the army of employes, and there scarcely were enough tables for the guests who would say goodbye.

Had Brilliant Opening

The late J. Pierpont Morgan, the magnificent Lillian Russell, sweeping through Peacock Alley trailing a yard-long train and wearing a hat as big as a sunshade; Diamond Jim Keene, sharp-faced, international confidence man—all of these and myriad like them the Waldorf has known.

The famous hotel was built at the suggestion of Abner Bartlett, the real estate agent of William Waldorf Astor, later Baron Astor of England, when in 1890 he decided to make England his permanent home.

George C. Boldt, who came to America as an immigrant German lad and had risen to the proprietorship of the Bellevue, a hotel in Philadelphia, was selected to manage the new hostelry.

The new hotel was Boldt's life. He amassed a fortune of \$12,000,000 before he died twelve years ago.

Oscar of the Waldorf.

Oscar Tschirky, known now these many years as "Oscar of the Waldorf," early was retained by Boldt to manage the restaurant and dining portion of the hotel's business. At the old Hoffman House and at Delmonico's, Oscar had learned to greet by name most of New York that was important.

The first section of the hotel was known simply as the Waldorf. Then Boldt persuaded John Jacob Astor to demolish his mansion adjoining the Waldorf and to erect the Astoria, which was opened Nov. 1, 1897, and joined under Boldt's management to the Waldorf.

Office Building on Site
Great political and industrial deeds have had their beginning within the Waldorf's walls.

Scarcely a great statesman or important personage of Europe who has visited American shores has not spoken there.

An enormous skyscraper is to go up on the site.

A new Waldorf-Astoria is to be erected on the block bounded by Park avenue, Lexington avenue, Forty-ninth and Fifth street, to be opened in the fall of 1931.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to the police as stolen belong to:

Helen Campbell, 1329½ North Senate avenue, Ford Coupe, 737-788, from 500 Indiana avenue.

Hoosier Fence Company, 1660 Astor street, Ford roadster, 90-904, from Capitol avenue and Market street.

Elbert Young, 313 Ralston avenue, Ford roadster, 44-629, from Capitol avenue and Market street.

J. H. Hulse, 1612 Harlan street, Nash roadster, 85-752, from Capitol avenue and Washington street.

Harvey Sears, 4145 Washington boulevard, Chrysler coach, 93-906, from 428 Indiana avenue.

Ed Siler, 3015 North California street, Ford coupe, 79-612, from Eighteenth and Harding streets.

John Gray, 128 North Traub avenue, Buick touring, 63-685, from Capitol avenue and Market street.

Grover Lytle, Rural Route J, box 236-K, Ford touring, 50-850, from Eighteenth and Harding streets.

Jack Petree, 246 North Randolph street, Hudson coach, from Fletcher avenue and Noble street.

Howard Webb, 2402 North Armstrong street, Kokomo, Ind., Chevrolet touring, 523-224, from Kokomo, Ind.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by the police belong to:

Chester Ball, 1903 South State avenue, Ford roadster, found at Senate avenue and Washington street.

Jewish Community Center Association, Whippet coach, found at Illinois and North streets.

Samuel R. Perrott, Rural Route C, Box 465, Chevrolet touring, found at Hillside avenue and the Belt railroad.

Ormar Coulter, 1136 West Twenty-seventh street, Chevrolet coupe, found at Eighteenth street and White River boulevard.

Rumsey Thomas, 437 South Delaware street, Ford coupe, found at Tibbs avenue and West Washington street.

Ford touring, 739-819, found at Tibbs avenue and Morris street.

Class Furnishes Room in Hospital



Members of the Ivy class of the West Park Christian church are shown in the above photo in the room in the Indiana Christian hospital which the class furnished.

The class spent approximately \$150 furnishing the room. It will be known as the "Ivy room." The room was officially opened Saturday.

Members shown in the above photo from left to right are Mrs. Mrs. Pearl Bontrager, 2137 Pleasant

Pauline Oakes, 110 North Sheffield avenue (seated on the bed); Mrs. Mildred King, 2340 West Washington street, class president (seated beside the bed); Miss Marjorie Hurt, 19 Reichwein street (seated on the arm of Mrs. King's chair); Mrs. Viola Rentschler, 3125 Jackson street (seated in chair at center table). Rear row (left to right)—

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