

## ARMY TENTS USED IN NEW YORK TO REPLACE HOUSES

Housing Crisis in Eastern  
Metropolis Causes War  
Department Action.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Thousands of New York families, some of the 75,114 registered as "homeless" by the Tenement House Department, are expected to live in tents furnished by the United States army until the present housing dearth is remedied, according to men interested in the building trade here. Just where they will locate their domiciles has not yet been decided although an army of real estate agents "mobilized," as it were, overnight in Greater New York, has vast acreages of vacant land to lease in four of the five boroughs.

"From 1,500 to 2,000 families will live in tents in Pelham Bay Park and in the Bronx," said J. Martin, superintendent of the Bronx Tenement House Department, "and I have no doubt but that many other sections will have whole colonies of tent dwellers after May 1. In view of the anticipated increased demand for tenement, especially by evicted families, I shall write to the War Department for sufficient canvas to meet possible needs in the Bronx."

### More Difficulties Expected.

On top of the present housing shortage looms the prospect of the usual horde of pleasure seekers, many of them with abundant war profits or earnings, who are coming to the metropolis for their summer outing. Some of these will offer landlords attractive prices for temporary quarters and where tenants are occupying apartments from month to month and paying exorbitant rents, the result is expected to be an increased number of evictions on May 1 and June 1.

Eviction of the anti-rent profiteers laws recently passed at Albany is a formidable charge in many cases against landlords up for trial in the Municipal Courts. Thousands of tenement "owners" to circumvent the law which compels the landlords to prove their rights to raise rents more than 25 percent a year, have notified tenants to vacate their property by September 1. Then they plan to rent the apartments to the highest bidder.

### Starting Statistics.

An indication of the competition for shelter in New York is afforded by the Tenement House Department figures which show that, due to light building and the remodelling of one-time tenements into more profitable business structures, there are actually a few fewer apartments in the city than there were this time a year ago. On January 1, 1919 there were 982,129 living apartments in New York, large enough approximately for 2,331,704 persons.

Under the law, it must be remembered, a "tenement" may mean a building on Riverside Drive as well as the lower East Side. Since January 1, the city has had an estimated increase of 538,604 in population but the building construction which has been done since that date is sufficient to house only 465,490 persons, according to the real estate board.

Meanwhile the war is on and trainloads of steel, timber and other prosaic Americans are said to be planning to invade the Great White Way. Trainloads already have arrived. For the most of them it will be no short vacation. Many are bringing their families and they are prepared to pay high prices for accommodations. All of which gives joy to the landlord and real estate dealer who see visions of a bountiful harvest.

So while tired mothers with babies in arms, leave baby carriages outside courtroom doors, and with worried husbands plead against eviction from their homes the magistrates, after granting them temporary stays, postpone hearings to "read up" on the new legislation put through at Albany. And while Mayor Hylan's committee struggle for a solution of the complicated problem, city marshals accuse each other of profiteering in the eviction cases. Hundreds of men said to be without authority, were also reported posing as "marshals" and evicting dispossessors noting some of them "earning" as high as \$2,000 a month.

### UNIVERSITY SWIMMING TEAM ISSUES DEFIE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 17.—The Indiana university swimming team issued a challenge to the local Y. M. C. A. team to a dual meet to be staged at Indianapolis in April 17, it was announced here. The challenge probably will be accepted. The local "Y" team has not been defeated this year.

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By United Press:

NEW YORK, April 17.—Brokers who borrowed stock of the Stutz Motor company in order to sell "short" were given until Monday by Allan A. Ryan to return the stock. Ryan is the holder of the main block of Stutz stock, and chairman of the board of directors of the company.

In case the brokers fail to go into the open market and purchase

the securities for account of the borrower at whatever price it might be available.

Stutz stock sold for \$700 a share on the curb market yesterday, \$600 above the price quoted at the start of the "corner."

A committee representing the "shorts" called on Ryan yesterday but no progress was made toward an agreement. Ryan was reported to have offered to settle for \$1,000 a share.

BEGINS ARGUMENT TO  
FREE JOSEPH CAILLAUX

By United Press:

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