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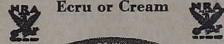
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Borah for a Corporation To Control All Business

By The Associated Press.
 BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 4.—Senator Borah advocated tonight a National Corporation Act to control business and prevent concentration of wealth in a few hands.

His proposal came in reply to a question submitted at an informal meeting in the Methodist Church, where he was guest of honor.

"Beginning after the Civil War," he said, "the great corporations acquired control of the natural resources of the country, coal, timber, oil. Under our loose corporation laws all that the people need to live has fallen into the hands of a limited number."

With that premise, he urged enactment of a Corporations Act to control all business engaging interstate commerce, with a warning that "those who control the wealth of a country will inevitably control the political power."

of the committee on taxation. The resolutions read:

Action Welghed a Week.
 The resolutions had been up for discussion a week earlier at committee meetings and the debate on them at the general meeting was short. Frederic T. Wood, president

Properties in City That Have Been Removed From the Tax-Exempt Rolls

Following is a list of properties each with an assessed valuation in excess of \$100,000 which have been restored to the tax rolls by the Board of Taxes and Assessment. The list gives the owner, address, valuation and reason for restoration to the rolls of the various parcels.

Table with columns: Name, Block, Valuation, Reason. Includes entries like 'Amalgamated Dwellings, 210 West 11th St., \$1,000,000, housing development' and 'Bellevue Training School for Nurses, 420 East Twenty-sixth St., \$300,000, activities not in accordance with charter'.

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This article plant is assessed at \$1,500,000. A New York University student who is a member of the Washington Square was put on the rolls at an assessed valuation of \$100,000, because, the board asserted, it had which declared that the student found a newspaper advertisement... "are also accommodated."

A large part of the property restored to the rolls is city owned and rented to private concerns. The largest item on the list is in this category. It was reclaimed land in the shores of Queens, Jamaica, at Broad Channel. Corporation and in turn leased by the corporation to about 2,000 families who have their homes there. A valuation of \$6,048,000 was put on this property.

Bible Society Is Named. Such religious organizations as the American Bible Society, the Methodist Book Concern, the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church and the National Bible Institute were on the list, most of them because the board had failed to receive information as to what part of the buildings occupied by them were actually used for religious purposes of a sectarian nature.

Other similar organizations on the list were the Chinese Charitable Benevolent Association and the French Benevolent Society. In case of the latter organization the board found that the building on West Thirty-fourth Street was not being used for the purpose for which exemption had been granted.

Thirty houses valued at \$1,822,000,000 that of the Masonic lodge at \$1,700,000 that of the Rieck Museum at \$2,100,000 and that of the International House at \$1,170,000.

Another large holding to be added to the list was the Manhattan Tower Hotel at East 11th St. and 10th St., a 22-story building, which houses the Manhattan Congregational Church. It was one of the first skyscrapers ever to be built in the city, and because of the tax rolls because of change of ownership.

In the Bronx the Amalgamated Housing Corporation on Van Cortlandt Park South, with a valuation of \$3,031,000, and the Academy Housing Corporation, a \$1,200,000 project on Lacombe Avenue, were the largest holdings to be restored to the rolls.

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Table with columns: Name, Block, Valuation, Reason. Includes entries like 'St. Peter's Church, 650 14th St., \$100,000, vacant' and 'Sacred Heart Church, 172 St. Peter's Church, 13 47 St., \$60,000, doubtful use'.

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The resolutions dealing with the city tax situation were presented by Richard W. Lawrence, chairman

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Roerich Museum Realty
Will Be Sold at Auction

Landmark on Riverside Drive Goes on Block Next Thursday

The thirty-story Roerich Museum Apartments, at the northeast corner of Riverside Drive and 103d Street, known as 310 to 312½ Riverside Drive and 323 West 103d Street, will be offered at auction next Thursday in the Vesey Street exchange by Edwin J. McDonald, Inc. The property will be sold to satisfy a lien of \$2,453,217.97 with interest, in an action brought by the Manufacturers Trust Company, as corporate trustee by merger of the Chatham Phoenix National Bank and Trust Company, under a trust mortgage made by the Roerich Museum to the Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, corporate trustee, and Charles C. Moore, individual trustee, dated as of June 15, 1928, against Roerich Museum and others, defendants.

Mr. McDonald will also sell on Wednesday the fifteen-story apartment house at 90 Riverside Drive, the six-story building at 753 Tenth Avenue and a five-story building on the south side of Ninety-ninth Street, 150 feet east of Columbus Avenue; on Thursday the six-story building at 421 and 423 West Fifty-seventh Street, and the Park Plaza Theater Building at 1476 University Avenue, the Bronx; and on Friday the six-story building at 343 to 349 East Seventy-seventh Street, and the two one-story taxpayer buildings at 205 to 209 West 100th Street.

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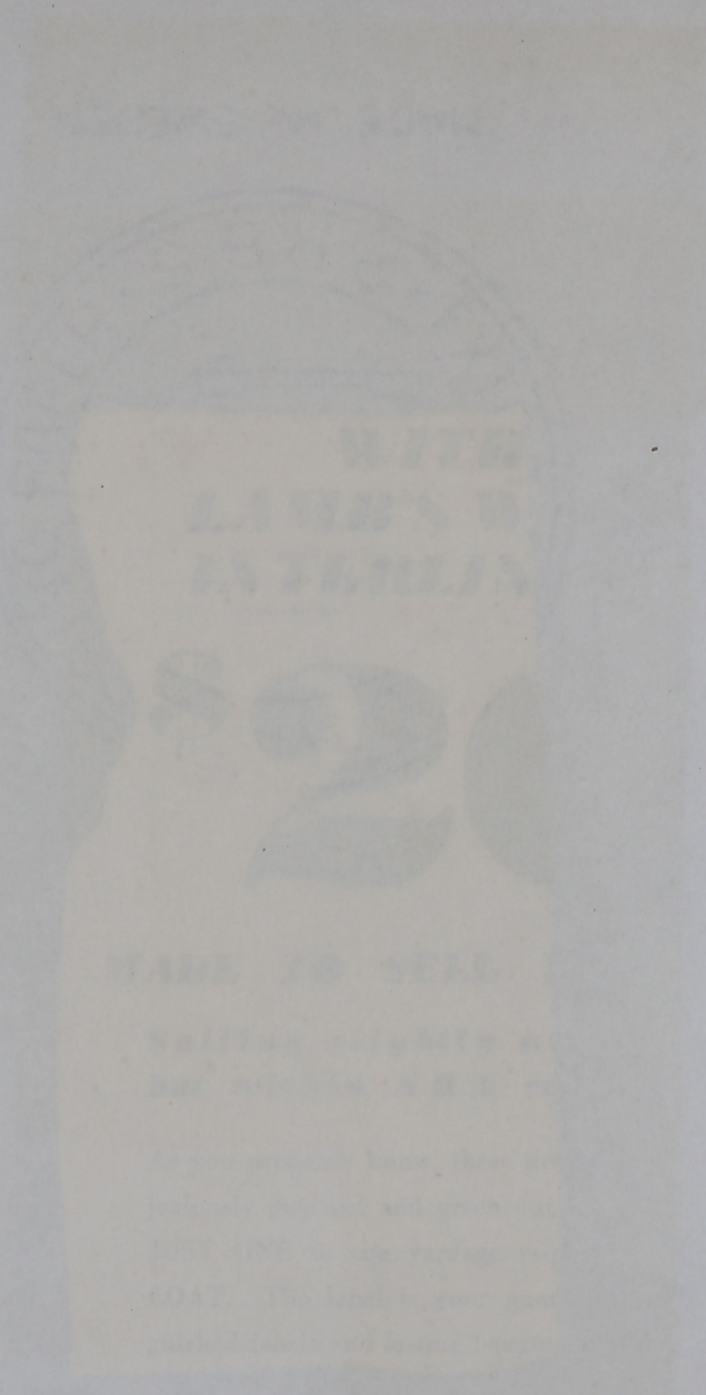
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The Roerich Museum building, a twenty-four-story apartment and museum structure at the north corner of Riverside Drive and 103d street, was sold at foreclosure sale today to the Riverside Drive & 103d Street Corporation, Henry E. Keough president, representing the bondholders' committee on a bid of \$300,000. The property was bought pursuant to a plan approved by the Supreme Court.

The foreclosure action was brought by the Manufacturers Trust Company, trustee et al., plaintiffs against the Roerich Museum et al., defendants to satisfy a judgment of about \$2,453,218 and interest. The taxes and other liens amount to about \$110,651. The assessed valuation for 1934 is \$195,000 for the land and \$1,600,000 for land and building. The sale was held in the Vesey Street salesroom by Edwin J. McDonald, auctioneer.

The Hupfel Brewery property, fronting in East Thirty-eighth and Thirti-ninth streets and consisting of four, five and seven-story buildings, was among the other eleven properties sold at foreclosure sales in the Manhattan salesroom.

There were ten sales conducted in the Bronx salesroom and thirty-five in the Brooklyn Exchange.

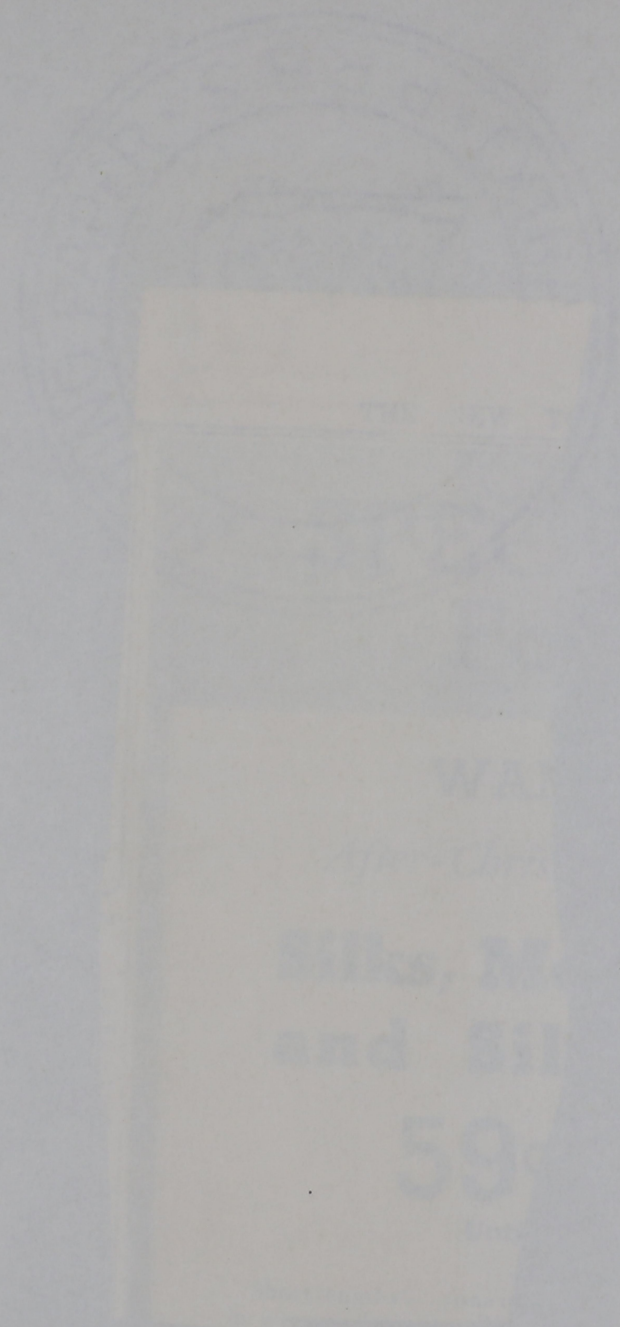
The results of the Manhattan foreclosure sales are as follow:

By ROBERT FISHEL.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1934.

ROERICH MUSEUM SAVED FOR 15 YEARS

Sale in Foreclosure Action
Puts Reorganization Plan
Into Effect.

PROGRAM TO BE CONTINUED

\$105,000 a Year Is Allotted to
Educational Board for Cul-
tural Activities.

Continuance of the Roerich Museum and its cultural programs was declared to be assured yesterday, when the museum building, at the north corner of Riverside Drive and 103d Street, was sold in foreclosure proceedings as the first step in a plan of reorganization. The property was acquired, on a bid of \$300,000, by the Riverside Drive and 103d Street Corporation, representing bondholders.

As the next step in the reorganization, under a plan sanctioned after hearings before Charles C. Burlingham, the corporation will obtain a first mortgage to cover tax payments, the expenses of the sale and similar disbursements. Then the property will be conveyed to an educational corporation, which will carry on the activities of the museum as heretofore.

90% of Bonds Deposited.

Samuel J. Schur and Morris L. Ernst of the legal firm of Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst, represented the museum in the negotiations with the bondholders. The latter, of which there were two consenting groups, were represented by Simpson, Thatcher & Barlett and by Siegfried F. Hartman. About 90 per cent of the holders have deposited bonds under the plan.

This group of consenting holders is to receive stock of no par value at the rate of one certificate for each \$100 of bonds deposited, in the Riverside Drive and 103d Street Corporation, under an arrangement providing that 4 per cent interest is to be paid during the first five years of the plan, if earned, that 4 per cent is to be paid during the next five-year period, and that 6 per cent is to be paid during the third and final five-year period. The future of the museum, beyond the fifteenth year, is made dependent upon refinancing or some other adjustment.

The educational corporation, which is to manage the property, is to receive \$105,000 a year for expenses, and provision is made for increasing this amount upward, in accordance with the Department of

Commerce index of commodity prices.

Certificates to the amount of \$1,925,000 were issued by the American Bond and Mortgage Company in 1923, on the basis of the original mortgage. The Manufacturers Trust Company as successor trustee to the Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, to which the trust mortgage was made by the Roerich Museum, began foreclosure proceedings in 1932. The approximate amount of the lien was \$2,453,217, with interest.

Upper Floors Are Rented.

The income of the twenty-four story building is derived from apartments on the upper floors, all save the first three and one-half floors being thus used. The lower part of the building contains study and lecture rooms, art galleries and a restaurant.

Louis D. Horsch, president of the Roerich Museum and a co-receiver, explained the effect of the reorganization on the museum as follows:

"Under the reorganization plan the same space is allotted to the Roerich Museum as it has occupied in the past.

"There will be no interruption of the cultural activities of the museum. The Roerich Museum will continue to be open free to the public as heretofore, and with the completion of this reorganization, it is planned to expand the cultural work of the museum."

The reorganization plan was approved by Supreme Court Justice Shientag as of last June 26. The assessed valuation for 1934 was \$195,000 for the land and \$1,600,000 for the land and building.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ELIZABETH WARD WAS HER DEBUT

Elizabeth Ward, daughter of the late
John Ward, of New York City, was
born on the 15th of the month of
January, 1880.

She was educated in the
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Riverside Drive Museum Sold to Bondholders

24-Story West Side Tower Will Return to Control of Present Trustee Group

The twenty-four-story Roerich Museum Building at 310 to 312½ Riverside Drive, north corner of 103d Street, was bought at foreclosure sale yesterday by the Riverside Drive and 103d Street Corporation, Henry E. Keough, president, representing the bondholders' committee, on a bid of \$300,000. The property was bought pursuant to a plan approved by the Supreme Court. The sale was held to satisfy a judgment of about \$2,453,218 and interest obtained by the Manufacturers Trust Company, trustee, and others against the Roerich Museum and others, defendants. Taxes and other liens totaled about \$110,651. Edwin J. McDonald conducted the sale.

Following the sale Louis L. Horch, president of the museum, said: "The purchase of the building pursuant to the plan of reorganization means the lifting shortly of the receivership and the return of the property to the management of the trustees of Roerich Museum in accordance with the plan of reorganization as approved by Supreme Court Justice Shientag as of June 26, 1934. After due consideration by both bondholders' committees and by the referee, Charles Burlingham, it has been deemed advisable and advantageous for the interest of the building and bondholders that the building be returned to the museum with its broad cultural program of activities. This decision has also been approved by Justice Shientag.

"Under the reorganization plan the same space is allotted to the museum as it has occupied in the past. There will be no interruption of the cultural activities of the museum, and with the completion of this reorganization it is planned to expand its cultural work.

"Operating expenses are based not only on the continuation of present activities but on price levels gauged by the wholesale commodity index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics."

According to Samuel J. Schur, of the firm of Greenbaum, Wolf & Ernst, attorneys for the museum, this is the first time a reorganization in New York has included a "commodity dollar" provision.

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