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## CHARGES ARE FILED AGAINST TEACHER IN SCHOOL AT KIRKLAND

Parents of Pupils in District 2 Request Resignation of Mrs. Mary Prior in Complaint Addressed to State Commissioner—Claims She Is "Unfit, Incompetent and Cruel"—Conditions Termed Deplorable

Resignation of Mrs. Mary Prior as teacher of School District No. 2, town of Kirkland, is requested in a petition addressed to the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, by Mellan Peters, father of Peter Peters, 15-year-old Syrian boy, over whom a "strike" of 22 pupils has been precipitated.

Refusing to obey the order of a state official, who issued an ultimatum for the parents to return their children to the school Monday morning or face prosecution, the parents gathered instead with their boys and girls in the office of Attorney Leo O. Coupe, Paul Building, who appears for the Peters boy and his father, complainant in the latest action.

### CONDITIONS AT SCHOOL CRITICIZED

"Conditions at the Kirkland school are such that the children ought not to attend there," declared Mr. Coupe. "I have advised the parents of the 22 children who are now out of school not to permit them to return, pending further instructions from the state commissioner of education, after he has had opportunity to examine the charges."

"The filing of the charges, formally brings the matter before the state commissioner of education and alters the situation which has heretofore existed."

Ten legal charges are devoted to the complaining against the teacher, which cover various incidents supported by the children, and says in part:

"As a teacher, she is incompetent and unfit to teach children, to be cruel and unkind to her pupils and has an utter lack of ideal."

Attorney Stephen W. Brennan, who asked to comment on the charges, said he probably would make a complete statement in answer when he had seen the charges, but at this time wants to emphasize the teacher "will not give up her record of 15 years' service."

"During all the confessions and disputes we have had," said Brennan, "the Peters family has not been interested enough to attend, only when obliged to do so. When the commissioner was in Kirkland the Peters family was ready to consent to have the boy go elsewhere to school until Mrs. Rouiller stepped in and asked them not to have him. The whole thing is an outgrowth of a fight of more or less long standing between Mrs. Peters' family and is absolutely foolish. If this teacher has mistreated any of those children, they have a remedy out of having her removed."

"The complaint," Mellan Peters says he is a teacher by occupation and lives with his wife, Hadda Peters, and four children, in school house at Kirkland.

Stripped of its legal phraseology the complaint charges the teacher, Mrs. Prior, had agreed to teach in the school house, keep the rooms in a clean and sanitary condition, and do all the necessary janitorial work for which she was to receive an additional compensation besides her salary as teacher.

Mr. Prior continues the complaint, "I have seen Mrs. Prior take the shoes out and on one occasion she soiled a new suit of clothes in doing the work. As a result of this incident the parents of the boy forbade Mrs. Prior to work for us any longer, and he so told the teacher."

"At such time," continues the complaint, "Mrs. Prior's husband, William Prior, called on her at home, having called to take her home. William Prior informed said Peter Peters he must do anything she said, and if she told him to go in a corner and stand on his head it would be necessary for him to do so."

"On this occasion when Peter Peters refused to take out the ashes and get the coal for the stove, Mrs. Prior took a piece of rubber hose from her desk and struck Peter Peters as hard as she could with it on his back, legs and other parts of his body. Peter Peters started to run away from the teacher, and thereupon William Prior, grabbed him by his wrist and held him in a cruel and inhuman manner on the back, legs and body, with all the force she could command."

"Peter Peters refused to do the same work as the other children, and the teacher kept flogging him and otherwise abusing him."

Others Flogged

During the year 1927 it is alleged other pupils in the school, were flogged, including Beatrice Rouiller, Esther Rouiller, Mary Peters and Annie Peters.

Another incident of alleged cruel treatment charged is that occurring in May, 1927, when Beatrice Rouiller, 12, had returned to spending her vacation from another pupil, Harry Nicholson. Mrs. Prior said she had ordered Beatrice to return to the school.

"The boy said he knew his lesson," reads the complaint. The teacher then took the book away from the Rouiller girl and said if she said any word of her anything because she didn't know anything, and will never learn anything. The child replied, 'I know as much as you do.'

Mrs. Prior then went up to her desk, got a ruler and struck the child with it on her back, shoulders that she broke the ruler. The child fell out of her seat on the floor. The teacher pulled her up by the dress, tearing it, and put her back in the seat. The child got up and went home. On the next day Mrs. Prior flogged Beatrice Rouiller with a rubber hose because, she stated, the child ran home the day before."

In connection with the flogging of the girl the complaint says rickens were raised in the child's back. Two girls were said to have been kept after school to witness the flogging.

Recited Advice to Mother

"Another charge was that Mrs. Prior asked Beatrice to recite for Christmas a piece containing advice to her mother to keep her doorstep clean. Mrs. Rouiller, mother of the child, said she refused to let her girl speak the piece.

Alleged uncleanliness and filthy conditions of the toilets are charged in detail. It is also charged by several of the children they had asked

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### TWO REQUESTS MADE

Primary Department of Immanuel Church and Deor of Hope Re-membered by Mrs. Sarah Hill

A request of \$100 is left to the primary department of Immanuel Church, in the will of Mrs. Sarah J. Hill, 1111 Genesee St., who died Monday by Surrogate John Evans. The money is to be used for the purchase of a piano for the church. Mrs. Hill also directs the sale of her diamond ring "for a fair and market value" the money to be given to the Deor of Hope, Matthews Avenue, in trust, the income to be used in the work of the institution. James E. Hill and Carl Evans are the executors, letters being issued them by Surrogate Evans.

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