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GIGANTIC STREET CLEANING GRAFT
IS UNCOVERED BY COM. EDWARDS

Thirty Arrests Have Already Been Made and More are Scheduled to Follow...About \$40,000 is Said to Have Been Stolen in the Snow Shoveling Job... Deputy Street Commissioner Suspended.

Thirty arrests, revealing wholesale graft in the Street Cleaning Department, were made last night. At the instance of Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards, District Attorney Jerome and Magistrate Krotel, assisted by detectives, lawyers and Deputy Street Cleaning Commissioners, began an inquisition last night at the Criminal Courts into an attempt to swindle the city out of about \$50,000 by means of dummy snow removal checks. Deputy Commissioner Hogel, who was in charge in the Bronx, was suspended. He was among the fifty men taken to the District Attorney's office last night. He was served at the conclusion of his testimony, taken by Magistrate Krotel, with a subpoena to appear before the grand jury. It is said that the city stood to lose between \$50,000 and \$75,000 if the alleged frauds had not been discovered. It is said dummy snow removal tickets have been sold wholesale. The usual system by which the frauds are committed is for a city inspector at a snow dump to give two or more tickets in place of the one called for by the cart. How Fraud Was Planned. In the case of a one-horse cart it has been the practice to give at least

two tickets, and for a two-horse wagon four or more tickets have been given. All of the tickets have been turned in for payment as legitimate, with the result that the city has already been robbed of thousands of dollars, which has been divided among the grafters. Commissioner Edwards suspected some time ago that attempts would be made to swindle the city, if this had not already been done. He engaged a detective, who ingratiated himself with David Jacobs, superintendent in charge of the office of Daly & McBean, snow contractors, with offices at 210 East 41st street. Jacobs, according to Commissioner Edwards, agreed to sell the detective \$1,000 worth of dummy checks, which were to be presented for payment to the city. This was on Monday. The detective set a date to buy more of these blanks yesterday from Jacobs. Meanwhile Commissioner Edwards had laid the whole matter before District Attorney Jerome, and last night the inquirers gathered, with Jacobs as the first witness. He made full confession, according to Mr. Edwards, and contractors and street cleaning employees were summoned from all parts of Manhattan. Sensational Arrests. The most sensational arrests were

made at Stable A, 17th street and Avenue C, where a deputy superintendent, a district superintendent, a snow inspector, a district captain and three other men were taken. A dozen detectives dashed up to the stable in automobiles, smashed in the front door, and without waiting to explain their errand burst in the door of the paymaster's private office. There, it is said, they found marked money for snow removal tickets. In a desk were found hundreds of dollars in bills, some of them of large denomination, and a large amount of tickets. After the raid a score of bills were found on the floor, where it is believed they were dropped by men anxious to free themselves from incriminating evidence. Among those arrested, all employees of the Department of Street Cleaning, were Hugh McManus, 462 West 48th street; Thomas Manley, 417 East 51st street; Vito Mature, 29 Thompson street; Bernard J. Costello, 2251 Seventh avenue; John J. Dee, 302 East 48th street; Joseph Murphy, 331 East 14th street; Timothy A. Dempsey, 721 Eleventh avenue, and James Cleary, 187 Amsterdam avenue. Clearly is the man who refused to employ the five hundred men from the bread line who had been taken to the stables by a reporter of The Evening Call.

HUGE GRAFT REAPED FOR PERPETUAL FRANCHISES

State and City Office-Holders Vied with Each Other in Exactng Biggest Price for Giving Corporations Control of New York City Streets...Riot of Franchise Granting Made Politicians and Promoters Immensely Rich.

BROOKLYNITES WANT SUBWAY EXTENDED

Will Hold Big Mass Meeting Friday Night to Demand that City Get Busy. Every civic organization in Brooklyn will be represented at a mass meeting Friday evening in the Court House to demand that the city proceed at once to build the first section of the Fourth avenue subway in order that the Flatbush avenue extension may be completed as an approach to the Manhattan Bridge. The meeting will be held under the joint auspices of the Brooklyn League and the Allied Board of Trade. Invitations to attend have been sent to the one thousand members of the league and the twenty-two boards affiliated with the Allied Association. There will be several speakers, and city officials have been asked to be present. E. S. Pifer, president of the Allied Boards of Trade, and Dr. George W. Brush, president of the Brooklyn League, in the call for the meeting, set out the following statement: "A \$20,000,000 bridge will be completed before the end of the year, and owing to the failure of the officials to agree as to certain details of construction in the extension, it is liable to hang useless in the air, to the great detriment of the borough. Come and protest against further delay and insist that definite plans shall be decided upon at once so the street may be completed. There is no reason why the subway and street cannot be completed as far as Fulton street."

2,000 HAVE BEEN CALLED; E V CHOSEN

Does Not Look As Though Jury to Try Coopers Can Be Secured. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 2.—The criminal court of Davidson County, after having summoned the fourth venire of five hundred men and exhausting three panels, and ordering another of fifty, at a late hour yesterday adjourned until this morning, when the latest list of talemens responded for jury service in the trial of Colonel D. B. Cooper, his son, Robin Cooper, and John D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of ex-United States Senator Carmack. The interest in the case has been heightened by the developments of the past two or three days, which were sensational in the extreme, and when the doors of the court were opened this morning there was a crush to secure not only seats but standing room. The more important proceedings of the court yesterday afternoon up to the time of adjournment were as follows: Seven men qualified for jury service out of a total of 182 names called during the day. Of these, seven the defense asked six to stand aside and the state challenged the other one peremptorily. Three panels from the fourth special venire were completed during the day, and a fourth, consisting of fifty names, was turned over to counsel just before court adjourned. It now seems entirely within the bounds of probability that this fourth venire will be exhausted without a single juror chosen. The status of the selection of the jury at the present time is this: Two thousand men have been summoned in the four venires. Thirteen panels have been examined. Eleven jurors have been chosen, and two of these later challenged for cause by the state and discharged by the court. An investigation, instigated by the defense, is now pending regarding a third. Nine jurors are in the box, including G. M. Whitworth, the man in question. The prosecution has exhausted fourteen of the eighteen peremptory challenges allotted to it, leaving four yet to be used. The defense has used twenty-nine of its seventy-two peremptory challenges, leaving forty-three yet to be used. One more panel of fifty names yet remains to be examined out of the fourth venire. It is probable five venires will be exhausted, after which the Whitworth investigation will be taken up and a new venire summoned to report Friday morning.

By GUSTAVUS MYERS. Author of "The History of Public Franchises in New York City," "The History of Tammany Hall," "The History of the Great American Fortunes," Etc.

(Continued from yesterday's Evening Call.) When the Harlem Railroad was seized by that master corruptionist, Cornelius Vanderbilt, he had extensions granted. At first this line ran from Twenty-sixth street south to the Astor House. Then it was extended up to Forty-second street. In 1864, during the palmy days of the Tweed ring, when cash was the only consideration, he secured an extension of the line through Thirty-second street to the East Thirty-fourth street ferry. Old Vanderbilt's Corruption. But it was in 1872, when he was corrupting right and left, that he got his biggest extension. He sent a satchel full of silent arguments to the Legislature, and got in return A FRANCHISE TO EXTEND THE FOURTH AVENUE LINE CLEAR NORTH ON MADISON AVENUE TO THE HARLEM RIVER AND BEYOND, AND ALSO ON EIGHTY-SIXTH STREET TO THE ASTORIA FERRY. It was this same Legislature which compelled New York City TO PAY \$4,000,000 FOR THE BUILDING OF HIS RAILROAD VIADUCT ON PARK AVENUE. For this \$4,000,000 New York City was not given a cent's worth of interest. It had to bear taxation to supply Vanderbilt with a new terminal, owned by him absolutely. The Fourth avenue line is owned by THE VANDERBILTS, and was leased a few years ago to the traction oligarchy FOR 999 YEARS. A Rich Mine of Graft. In 1860 the Legislature decided that the granting of franchises was TOO RICH A MINE OF GRAFT to leave in the hands of the Aldermen. So it stripped the Board of Aldermen of all franchise granting power, and at once began to do a rush business on its own account. Within a month, in 1860, it handed out FIVE PERPETUAL FRANCHISES for street railway franchises in New York City. These were: The Belt Line on South, West, Fifty-ninth and other streets. This is the identical line on which all transfers were recently cut off. The Avenue D Line, which is still operated by horse cars as it was when the franchise was granted. The Seventh Avenue Line, where you have to wait fifteen minutes for a car. The Fourteenth Street Line. The Tenth Avenue and Forty-second Street Line. Bribes of \$250,000. Was it possible, as was specifically charged, that the passage of THESE FIVE FRANCHISES COST THE PROJECTORS \$250,000 IN MONEY AND STOCK? Rates for franchise grants had certainly gone up since 1852. The Legislators were evidently better hands at the business than the Aldermen. The New York "Tribune" said of the Legislature of 1860, "that another body so reckless, not merely of right but of decency—not merely corrupt, but shameless—will be assembled in our halls of legislation within the next ten years." Mr. Greeley was quite wrong in his prophecy. These franchises were estimated at that time to be worth fully \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000. IN FACT, THE MEN WHO GOT THE SEVENTH AVENUE FRANCHISE SOLD THE PAPER TITLE SHORTLY AFTERWARDS FOR \$3,183,739-91.

CITY MAKES BREAD LINE WAIT FOR PAY

Delay Causes Grief and Misery—Evening Call Takes Up Cause of Hungry Men. The following letter was sent to Patrick F. McGowan, president of the Board of Aldermen, by the managing editor of The Evening Call: "February 2, 1909. Patrick F. McGowan, Esq., President Board of Aldermen, New York City: "Dear Sir—We beg to call your attention to the fact that a problem is now agitating the unemployed of the city, a problem which you, in your official capacity, can solve without any difficulty. You are probably aware that Commissioner Edwards is employing emergency men to shovel snow. These men are taken out of the bread line, and are of those unfortunates who have not the price of a bed. When they do work it is important that they should be paid without any unnecessary delay. This, however, has not been done. They are subject to the same complicated system that regulates the payment of city employees, and many of them have as yet not received any money whatever. This delay causes much misery among them, and it has also given rise to a petty system of graft, under which unscrupulous speculators cash the labor check after deducting a large commission. In many cases the speculators happen to be moonkeepers, and the laborer is forced to buy drinks before he gets his money. "This condition deserves your attention, as well as the attention of the body of which you are president, as Commissioner Edwards may have to use these emergency men through the winter. These people have been reduced by our industrial system to the level of tramps, and it is our belief that when they apply for work they should not be discouraged by the many difficulties to which they are now subjected. "We know that you are authorized by the Charter of the City of New York to regulate the scale of wages for city employees, and to meet emergencies that arise within the city administration. We beg to suggest that you bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen, and make provisions by which these people should be paid by the day, so that unnecessary suffering be avoided, unnecessary suffering be avoided. Sincerely, Red Tape. "Those of the unemployed who had been given a chance in the snow-shoveling 'boom' are now trying hard to collect their money. The red tape that controls the situation is drawn tight around the necks of the poor devils who had been waiting for months for this chance to work, and is now strangling them. The city does not pay by the day, and these men are

ACTION OF BOSSES STRENGTHENS MEN

Stand of Employing Hatters for Non-Union Shop Makes Strikers More Determined. The statement of the manufacturing hatters yesterday declaring that they will reopen their shops with non-union men next Tuesday has resulted in a manner opposite to that which the employers expected. Instead of weakening the strike, the men are preparing for a protracted struggle. The board of directors of the United Hatters of America immediately ordered the payment of weekly strike benefits to members of the organization. The men with families will receive \$7 a week and single men \$5. In South Norwalk a movement was instituted to have the independent hat manufacturers divide their work between their regular employees and the strikers out of work every man possible being allowed to work on half time. In Danbury the union voted to impose a fine of \$500 on any member who returns to work under the manufacturers' terms. The strikers say they have nothing to arbitrate, having only one grievance in question, namely, the discontinuance of the use of the union label. They declare that they will stay out indefinitely until the same is restored. PATRICK TO TRY AGAIN. Is Granted Writ of Habeas Corpus With Hearing in March. Supreme Court Justice Gaylor yesterday granted a writ of habeas corpus in the Appellate Division in Brooklyn to Albert T. Patrick, the convicted murderer of William M. Rice, on his twenty-third attempt to get out of Sing Sing. The writ was obtained by William L. McDonald, acting as special attorney. It is returnable the first Monday in March. Patrick will make application to be permitted to make the argument himself. Among the grounds alleged in the petition for the writ was the action of Governor Higgins in committing Patrick's sentence to life imprisonment, which the common law does not recognize as a punishment for murder in the first degree. It is also alleged that his punishment was changed without his consent. TO RAISE PRINTING PRICES. A mass meeting of employing printers has been called for Friday night by the Printers' League to discuss the ways and means for increasing prices about 10 per cent. There are fifty-three employers in the league, employing over 5,700 union men. The mass meeting will be held in the Westminster Hotel, 16th street and Irving place.

SOCIALISTS IN DUMA ATTACK SPY SYSTEM

Government Denounced in Open Session—Made Responsible for Acts Committed by Terrorists. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 3.—The Duma resumed its session yesterday, after the holidays, and the morning was marked by interpellations from the Constitutional Democrats and the Socialists, addressed to the Minister of the Interior, dealing with the cases of Azeff and Lopukine. Azeff, who has been known as the head of the Fighting Russian Socialists, recently was declared to be in reality a government spy; and Lopukine, formerly director of police in the Department of the Ministry of the Interior, was arrested a few days ago on a charge of high treason in connection with the Azeff revelations. Denounce Government. M. Pergament, a well known lawyer, presented the interpellation of the Constitutional Democrats. He said that the "agents provocateurs" were now the greatest power in Russia, and denounced the system of sending out men to instigate crime as destructive to all confidence and security. He accused the government of being in the same category as the revolutionary organizations, and equally responsible for the murders of Grand Duke Sergius and von Plehve. Other members made similar accusations, the Labor member, Rulat, saying that high Russian personages were murdered out of the state funds, and that it was the ancestors of the Octobrists who killed Paul I and Peter II. It was a curious fact that in spite of the tremendous interest in the affair these fiery denunciations caused no scenes in the Duma. The interpellations were adopted and referred to committee. Newspapers Have Been Muzzled. Up to the present time the newspapers of St. Petersburg have been forbidden to refer to these cases, but to-day the publish columns in details, which, however, contain little not already known. The Paris correspondent of the "Nouvelles Vremes" has telegraphed an interesting statement concerning the attitude of the late M. von Plehve concerning Rakhokofsky's foreign secret service, which he wished to abolish on the ground that it was too expensive, and that Rakhokofsky did not enjoy the confidence of Azeff. This the correspondent regards as a plausible reason for the determination to assassinate M. von Plehve. According to reports here M. Stolypin, the Premier, had relations with Azeff, and received from him every day reports of the doings of the revolutionary congresses in Finland.

KIDNAPPING FEARED

Girl Who Went for Auto Ride Fails to Return. Fears are entertained by Mrs. Freda Loerch, of 245 Classon avenue, Brooklyn, for the safety of her daughter Katherine, twelve years old, who went away from home on Monday evening for an automobile ride with a friend of the family, and has not been seen since. The family friend told Mrs. Loerch, according to a statement made by her to the police, that he and his wife were starting for Baltimore and would like to take the little girl with them as far as the Brooklyn Bridge. Mrs. Loerch says she consented. When Katherine failed to return by 11 o'clock that night Mrs. Loerch grew uneasy. The family friend had promised, she says, to see the girl safely on a car for her home. She thought it possible that Katherine might have stopped with friends on her return, and therefore visited the houses of several neighbors in search of her daughter. She even went to the family friend's home, she said, and was surprised to find his wife there. It was not until yesterday that Mrs. Loerch went to the Classon Avenue Police Station with her story. Detectives Conway and Reid were assigned to the case, but so far have been unsuccessful in finding either the girl or the family friend. At the family friend's home it was said that he had spoken of going to Baltimore, but that his wife had not planned to go with him. It also developed there that the automobile was a 1908, so far as his wife knew. The police learned also that the man with whom the girl went "auto riding" had been rather eccentric in his actions for some time, and that his wife had secured the management of his property, which is said to be considerable, through an order of the court. During the past few years he has been engaged in various kinds of business, but has had nothing on hand of late. Mrs. Loerch said that although the family friend had three children of his own he had seemed to take quite an interest in her daughter, helping her with her lessons and encouraging her to study music, in which he seemed to think she had a gift. Katherine Loerch is described as being well developed for her age, and pretty. She has dark hair and complexion and blue eyes, and weighs about 100 pounds. When she left home on Monday she wore a dark suit and a green hat. Janer is slender but tall, weighing about 140 pounds, with dark hair and eyes. He is slightly pocket-marked. When he started on the supposed ride to the Grand Central station he wore a striped suit of clothes and a black derby.

THAT GOULD SUIT

Howard Names Dustin Farnum as an Intimate of Wife. The depositions of James G. Clark, a bellboy at the Hotel Carroll, Lyncburg, Va., and Clarence Pullen, a waiter at the same hotel, were filed yesterday in the County Clerk's office in the suit for a separation brought by Katherine Clemmons Gould against Howard Gould. The depositions were taken in behalf of Mr. Gould before William C. Arnold as referee, counsel for both Mrs. Gould and her husband being present. In reply to the complaint of Mrs. Gould in her suit for separation, Mr. Gould put in an answer declaring that she had been very attentive to Dustin Farnum, the actor, but Mr. Gould did not ask any relief of either separation or divorce. He merely asks to have her suit dismissed. If she wins she will be entitled to a large allowance of alimony. At present she is getting \$25,000 a year. Dustin Farnum's wife divorced him recently, but there was no mention of Mrs. Gould in that action.

OFFICIALS NOT SACRED

Brooklyn Judge Takes No Stock in Lee's Majestic. "The press has a right to hold up a public official to contempt and ridicule if his actions warrant it," Justice Clark, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, said Tuesday, during a discussion between counsel in the suit brought by Borough President Coler against the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" recoverer \$100,000 damages for alleged libel. The letter written by Mr. Coler to the "Eagle," August 23, in which Mr. Coler complained that the attack on him in the newspaper the day before was cruel and untrue, was read to the jury. Editorials and news articles bearing on the subject which led to the libel suit also were read. The trial is still on.

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THE CALL LIBRARY CONTEST

The Call Library Vote. I vote for... Name... Address... This contest will end Saturday, April 10, at 6 P. M.

SUFFRAGETTES GET AFTER REACTIONISTS

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OPPOSE COURTHOUSE PLAN

Artists Give Reasons Why Washington Square Should Be Saved. Sculptors and artists are joining forces with those who are opposing the location of the new courthouse...

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ASSAULTED BY NEGRO. Sixteen-Year-Old Girl Dragged into Bushes and Maltreated.

PLAYGROUND NEEDED. Say Uptown Women—Children Fall of Animal Spirits. Mrs. Clarence Burns, Mrs. Julius Henry Cohen and Mrs. Margaret Chanler Aldrich...

COMMISSION CALLS BLUFF. Tractor Receivers Must Explain Failure to Obey Order.

MUST BE CAREFUL. Accurate Information Necessary Before Starting Vocational Schools.

STOLE BREAD FOR FAMILY. Father in Jail—Mother and Four Children Starving.

OBJECTS TO PARTNER. Waters-Pierce Company Does Not Join Standard.

17 MINERS KILLED. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 3.—Seventeen men are dead as the result of an explosion in the No. 2 Short Creek mine...

THE AUGUST-BEBEL. WASHINGTON, D.C., 11 B. S. N. W. Opposite the Capitol; fine roomy good table; rates to please everybody.

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COAL AND WOOD. Call readers residing in Greenpoint, Williamsburg, Brownsville, East New York, Ridgewood and the Flatbush sections of Brooklyn...

REFUND MAY SOON BEGIN. Looks as if Gas Trust Will Really Turn Loose Some Money. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The mandate of the Supreme Court...

AN APPRECIATION. The New York Evening Call, the Socialist daily paper, owned and published by the Workingmen's Co-operative Publishing Association...

NO WORK; COMBATS SUICIDE. Edward Reinhardt, dependent because out of work, committed suicide by gas last night...

It has been the director's opinion for some time that the assaults have been the work of a degenerate, probably a cocaine fiend...

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L. SCHLOSSBERG. Deutsche Apotheke. Prescriptions Carefully Compounded. 322 Kalchorbocker Avenue, Cor. Hart St., BROOKLYN, N. Y.

MARTIN DERX. MEN'S FURNISHINGS. 623-625 BROADWAY, Bet. Manhattan Ave. & DeWolfe St., BROOKLYN, N. Y.

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GIRL TRIES TO ENLIST IN ARMY

Wants to Be Sent to the Philippines So She Can See Lover, but Talks at Tests. CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Willing to endure the hardships of a trip to the Philippines as a private in the United States army with recruits...

PADEREWSKI'S FINGER HURT

The recital which was to have been given by Paderewski this afternoon at the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia was cancelled last night because of a slight injury to one of the pianist's fingers...

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SPORTS HARVEY HAS SHADE ON "KNOCKOUT" BROWN

The Long Acre A. C. broke into the ten-round game last night with a go between "Knockout" Brown and Charley Harvey, of Philadelphia...

GOOD CARD AT NATIONAL A. C.

With the idea of furnishing a rip-roaring program of slam-bang scraps, Manager Johnny White, of the National A. C., has rounded out an old-fashioned fighting bee for Friday night...

KEYES AND SULLIVAN WILL MEET TO-NIGHT

At the Sharkey A. C. to-night Bert Keyes meets "Kid" Sullivan in a ten-round bout. Keyes had the best of Sullivan in Savannah, Ga., a few weeks ago...

KLINE-BRITT BOUT POSTPONED

The bout between Patsy Kline and "Young" Britt, which was to have taken place at the Eureka Club, of Baltimore, has been postponed from February 15...

SHRUBB-LONGBOAT OFFICIALS

New ones will be named to-day for the Marathon Race in the Garden. Tom Flanagan, the man who has guided Tom Longboat's footsteps on the road to fame ever since the Indian began to make a stir in the athletic world...

Stageland

MME. MARIETTA OLLY TO BE ENGLISH STAR

It is announced that the Messrs. Shubert, have signed a contract with Mme. Marietta Oly, the German actress, who made her first appearance at the Irving Place Theater, in "Baccarat" last month...

THE FRIARS WILL HONOR RYAN WALKER

Ryan Walker, the cartoonist, will have a dinner given to him by the Friars on Saturday evening, February 13. This is a special honor which, needless to say, Walker richly deserves...

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

Gertrude Coghlan, who has been appearing as Beth Elliott in "The Travelling Salesman" will temporarily withdraw from the company because of ill-health, two weeks hence...

IN VAUDEVILLE

There is a good bill at Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue theater this week, comprising the best acts being Cameron and Flanagan, who do an exceptionally clever turn in their sketch "On and Over"...

NEW YORK MUSICIANS ON BIRTH CENTENARY

Truly a brilliant literateur and artist, as well as one of the master-composers of the German nation, was Jacob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn, who was born in the city of Hamburg, of Jewish parentage...

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SYMPHONY CONCERT AND SHAKESPEARE PLAY PART OF MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Third of the concerts in the Mendelssohn Cycle arranged by the Symphony Society of New York, under the leadership of Walter Damrosch, was presented in Carnegie Music Hall last evening.

WOMAN PLAYWRIGHT TALKS ON SUFFRAGE

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SULZER'S WESTCHESTER PARK

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THE RAND SCHOOL RESTAURANT

VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT

GRAY'S LUNCH ROOM

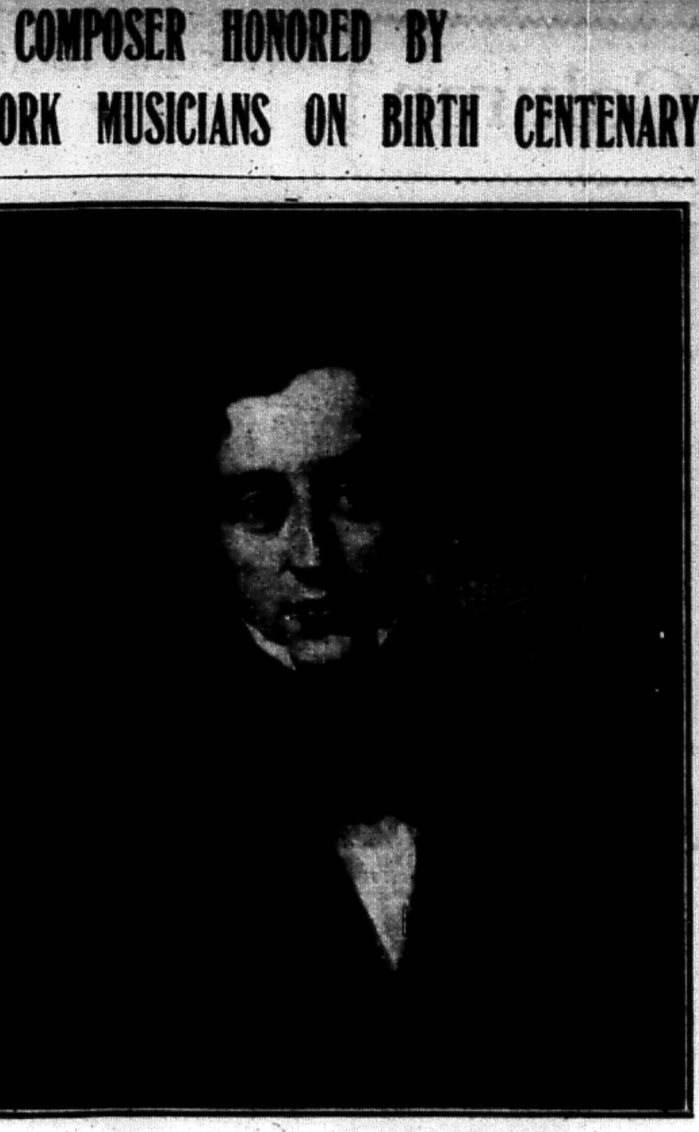
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successful impersonation of the happy-go-lucky artist, Collins, and used his noble wit to a great advantage in the third and last act, adding to the conviction already realized that he is one of the best of recent acquisitions to the Metropolitan's soloist forces.

When an unaccountable roughness in the early part of the first act had passed, the instrumental ensemble entered upon a clean-cut and beautifully detailed presentation of the orchestration.

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PEG WOFFINGTON THE ROMANCE OF A FAMOUS ACTRESS

(Continued from yesterday.)

CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

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CHAPTER XIV.

As soon as Pomander had drawn his breath and realized this discovery, he darted upstairs, and, with all the demure calmness he could assume, told Mr. Vane, whom he met descending, that he was happy to find his engagements permitted him to join the party in Bloomsbury Square. He then flung himself upon his servant's horse.

CHAPTER XV.

My reader now guesses whom Sir Pomander surprised more than he did Mrs. Woffington. He could not for the life of him comprehend what she was doing, and what was her ulterior object. The nil admirari of the fine gentleman deserted him, and he gazed open-mouthed, like the veriest chaw-bacon.

CHAPTER XVI.

"What! Mrs. Woffington here!" cried he; then he advanced business-like to Triplet. "We are aware, sir, of your various talents, but we cannot make a demand on them. I, sir, am the unfortunate possessor of freedom; time has impaired their indelicacy; no man can restore it as you can."

PEG WOFFINGTON THE ROMANCE OF A FAMOUS ACTRESS

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THE MEN WHOM DIAZ DREADS.

By JOHN MURRAY.

of Previous Installments. Murray, editor of "The...

(Continued from yesterday.) There was not a tremor in the...

"It is," answered Senora Moreno, the child still sickly...

"How is Ricardo?" I gave them greetings from their...

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from an American mining journal written in El Paso...

"But that is not all; this same paper tells of a steamship leaving the port of Guaymas...

(To be Continued.) FEEDING SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Needing \$25,000 to feed 27,000 underfed school children...

Monday—Beefsteak pie and one vegetable; rice pudding.

Wednesday—Savory roll (consisting of sweet crust and meat) one vegetable and bread pudding.

EYES NOT SEEN. A heat feeling eye and a searchlight eye...

TALKING ON THE PHONE. "Only about one person in every ten knows how to properly use the telephone..."

COMMERCIAL EGGS. It would not seem that a law against the sale of rotten eggs...

THE FIRST FINANCIAL DAILY. The "Financial News," of London, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary...

CHEAP BOARD. New Curate—Can any of you tell me how much it costs to board an automobile here?

OUR DAILY POEM

THE TOILERS, DEAD. By Harry H. Kemp, in The Independent.

Let us raise up a monument to these Such as a monarch for his tomb decrees...

Let us seek out the noblest spot on earth. And—Eiffel-like in height, of Pyramid girth—

Let us build up a monument to these Such as a monarch for his tomb decrees.

POPULAR READINGS

THE SEXES EQUAL, NOT ALIKE.

By Havelock Ellis. When we attempt to survey and sum up all the variegated facts...

WIRELESS TO BALLOONS. Wireless telegraphy up in the clouds is the recent pastime of some wirelessers of Brussels.

"HOLY GHOST AND US" AFLOAT. Sydney, Australia, has had a novelty in the shape of a "mystic ship."

THE TOILERS, DEAD. (Continued from yesterday.) W. M. B. pledge...

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SLEEP AND SLEEP.

The Paris "Revue" has been publishing the opinions of eminent men on the question of sleep.

Some people are never so much awake as in slumber, when they dream dreams and see visions.

PROVED BEYOND A DOUBT.

The Bingville "Clarion," in the heat of a political campaign, had ventured to insinuate that Colonel Silas B. Jayhawk had proven himself a coward and a poltroon of all fifty-seven varieties at the battle of Gettysburg...

"I sure do," replied the captain. "You have so testified under oath?" asked the lawyer.

"You have no qualifications to make?" "Nary a one, suh," was the answer. "Colonel Jayhawk has always had the reputation of being a brave man, captain," persisted the attorney.

CATS AND LITERARY LIGHTS.

Everybody knows how gruff Dr. Johnson used to go out to get oysters for his cat Hodge, and how Scott lamented the death of Hines, his acquaintance and in some sort, friend.

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THE NEW YORK EVENING CALL

A NEWSPAPER FOR THE WORKERS

THE SOCIALIST PARTY.
National Secretary, J. Mahlon Barnes, 150 Washington street, Chicago. New York State Secretary, U. Solomon, 239 East 42nd street, New York.
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THE ADVENTURES OF OTTO OUTFORWORK



HE GRABS A SQUARE MEAL AND THEN LOSES IT.

THE ADVERTISER AND THE EDITOR.

In the squabble—it can hardly be dignified with any other name—between the New York "Press" and Mr. Oscar Hammerstein, we find it impossible to work up any sympathy with either side. Both the operatic impresario and the editors and reporters of the newspaper seem to have done about all they could to justify everybody else in saying "A plague o' both your houses."

The latest development of the fight, however, is deserving of some attention. Whatever proportion Mr. Hammerstein's wrongs may have borne to his wrongdoing, the associated theatrical managers of the city have taken up his cause in a very effective manner. They have agreed to punish the "Press" by refusing it all advertising. This, of course, will mean a heavy money loss to the paper.

We do not question the legal right of the theatrical managers to follow this course, if they see fit. The theaters are privately owned and run for the profit of their owners, whom the managers represent. To buy advertising space in any paper that chooses to sell it to them, or to refuse to buy it, would seem to be a matter for them alone to determine in accordance with their business judgment or their personal whim. Nor does it seem to us that the fact of the managers acting in unison for the protection of what they conceive to be their common business interests, instead of each following his individual judgment or caprice, makes any difference with the legal rights of the case. It would be a curious construction of the law which, while recognizing the right of private property in theaters and the right of the proprietors to buy or refuse to buy advertising space, should yet undertake to restrain them from agreeing as to the manner in which they would carry on their business in this respect and to punish them for doing together what they all have a right to do separately.

But leaving the legal side of the case and turning to its practical side, this action of the associated theatrical managers gives a striking illustration of the capitalists' power to establish a practical censorship of the press more effective in the long run than any formal censorship which any government has ever succeeded in imposing.

The "Press" may resist this censorship so strenuously that the managers will eventually raise the ban. But, if so, it will pay a heavy price for its independence. And its victory in this special case, if it should win, would hardly lessen the power of the managers to muzzle or corrupt other papers, or to injure them if they refuse to be muzzled or corrupted. The case is exceptional only in the publicity which has been given to it, due largely to the improper conduct of the "Press" representatives themselves. In many other cases the same power is wielded more quietly and much more effectively. Many an able and honest dramatic critic has lost his job because the proprietors of the paper on which he worked had to choose between letting him go and sacrificing a large part of their advertising income.

And if proprietors of theaters can thus corrupt the press or punish papers that will not be corrupted, how much greater is the power in the hands of the greater capitalists, whose control of railroads, factories, banks, insurance companies, and commercial establishments enables them to direct the expenditure of many millions of dollars every year for newspaper advertising in this city alone.

Competition compels any newspaper which aspires to have a large circulation to fix its price at one cent a copy. No one-cent paper of ordinary size can possibly live on its circulation alone, unless that circulation runs into the hundreds of thousands, or even perhaps into the millions. Short of that, it absolutely must have an advertising income or else must be subsidized in some way.

A large part of the suppression and distortion of news and of the editorial ignoring or misrepresentation of certain important facts is due to this dependence of the newspaper upon its advertising income for its very existence. Every practical newspaper man knows of cases where news of the most sensational sort—the sort that it almost breaks a managing editor's heart to miss—has been studiously kept out of all the papers, not because of the fear of a libel suit (though that is a potent factor, since the law does not recognize truth as a sufficient defense in an action for libel), but because the publication of this particular news would have given mortal offense to a group of men who are regular and valuable patrons of the advertising columns of the paper—because to publish it would be to ensure the withdrawal of large advertisements and perhaps the speedy bankruptcy of the paper.

This is but one of the many ways in which the large capitalists have power to control the people's chief source of information on matters of public import. But this one form of private control by the propertied class over a vital public function is enough to offset all that Herbert Spencer and his parrot imitators have ever urged against "the tyranny of Socialism."

Just in proportion as the great material means of production become public property and the control of industry passes from private to public control—provided that this is done under democratic political methods—the practical freedom of the press will be restored.

Meanwhile, it is for the workers and all others who appreciate the need for a really independent press, to see to it that such papers as The Evening Call—which is co-operatively owned by a large number of persons in order to guard against its becoming a private organ—are strengthened to the utmost, both by the steady and rapid increase of their paying circulation and by direct financial support—subsidized, if one chooses so to express it, but subsidized by large numbers of working people, not by a few capitalists—in order that they may be the less dependent on their advertising income for their continued existence.

"THE GOBBLE-UNS 'LL GIT YOU EF YOU DONT WATCH OUT!"

By ROBERT HUNTER.

I am not a superstitious person. I do not believe in ghosts or witches or goblins.

But something happens now and then which I can't explain. It frightens me sometimes.

Whether witches or ghosts or goblins do it, I don't know. I think it is goblins, because James Whitcomb Riley once wrote a poem about them.

It was the story of "Little Orphant Annie," and when people did wrong she told them to beware, "Fer the Gobble-uns 'll git you ef you don't watch out."

The fact is that anybody who attacks Socialism nowadays is sure to come to a frightful end. The goblins get after him and give him no peace or quiet.

A clergyman some time ago attacked Socialism as immoral. The goblins got after him, and almost the next day there was a scandal in his church, and his wife divorced him.

A few years ago Frank Bigelow, President of the National Bankers' Association, delivered himself of a venomous attack on Socialism. And the goblins got after him in the twinkling of an eye. Before he could say "Scat!" he was convicted of embezzlement, and is now lying in the Government prison at Leavenworth.

Governor Peabody, of Colorado, tried to murder three Socialists. He hired the state militia to the mine owners and sent it wandering over the state bayonetting and shooting innocent workmen.

The goblins got after him, and now, three years later, he is a penniless beggar, fit for the breadline.

John R. Walsh, of Chicago, was a great banker. He was also a politician. He got rich by robbing his city and country. To help his banking and his politics he bought the Chicago "Chronicle."

And then he made a terrible mistake. The goblins let him off until he attacked Socialism. It was a vicious attack. He filled his paper with filthy lies about Socialism, and when he did that, the goblins went after him.

He was indicted and sentenced to prison. He has appealed the case, and his lawyers hope now to prevent a final decision until the old man dies, which they hope will be soon.

About a year ago Broughton Brandenburg, an unfortunate magazine writer, ventured to attack Socialism.

The most terrible thing about Socialism, he thought, was its advocacy of free love. He sold his lies to the "Broadway Magazine" at so much per lie. He was chuckling over his bargain and rubbing his hands when the goblins got him.

He went from the "Broadway Magazine" to his home in West Washington Street and was seized and arrested. His wife was forced to sue him for support, as he was living with another woman.

I am not superstitious, but certainly all this proves that there ARE goblins. I know people now who don't believe there are goblins. But watch out! And don't attack Socialism, especially if you're a clergyman, a banker, or a magazine writer, "for," as Orphant Annie says, "The Gobble-uns 'll git you ef you don't watch out."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OBJECTS TO OUR HEADLINE.

Editor of The Call:
It seems to me the criticism I make of the paragraph that you have taken from the platform and hoisted up at your masthead every day cannot be brushed aside as "baldy" because written six months after the platform was published. You revive the platform daily by republishing this paragraph. Therefore, criticism to-day is particularly pertinent, and it strikes me as requiring some answer from you.
Fraternally yours,
GAYLORD WILSHIRE.
New York, Jan. 30.

TWO CONGRATULATIONS.

Editor of The Call:
The Call is "bully." It is up to date, can be easily understood by the masses, is thoroughly practical, lively and convincing. I heartily congratulate you on its success. May it be as successful financially as it is editorially.
G. A. ENGLAND.
[Note.—The editors take pleasure in acknowledging that much of the credit for the good work of The Call is due to a large number of able and devoted volunteer collaborators, some of whose names appear in the paper from time to time, while others, from reasons of modesty or of prudence, prefer not to make their identity public. The experience of these eight months convinces us that the Socialist movement has at its disposal a quantity and quality of intellectual ability and moral earnestness capable of building up the best as well as the most powerful daily and magazine press the world has ever seen. The most crying need is for the financial basis upon which to set this ability at work in the most effective manner.—Ed.]

A CORRECTION.

Editor of The Call:
In Saturday's Evening Call an announcement appeared that I would lecture in Brooklyn, at Puritan Church, on "Christian Socialism" the following night.
Will you kindly permit me to say that so far as the subject of the lecture was concerned this announcement was wholly misleading? The lecture (which, owing to illness, I could not give) was to have been on "Real Socialism." I have already been bothered more than enough by people trying to find out if I am a Christian Socialist. While I have great sympathy with the comrades who call themselves "Christian Socialists," I am satisfied to be known as a Socialist, without any adjectives at all. I do not know anything of Christian Socialism.
JOHN SPARGO.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

M. A. Cohn.—Mr. Antero Aho, the Finnish Socialist journalist, who some time ago contributed to The Call an article on conditions in Finland, gives us the following information in response to your questions about the treatment of the Jews in that country and the attitude of the Socialists thereto. In the general election of 1908 the Social Democrats polled 310,928 votes out of a total of 866,350, and elected 82 members of the Diet out of a total of 200. It will be seen that, although very strong, the Socialists did not have a majority. The law-limiting the rights of Jews in Finland was made by the old Diet of the Four Estates, in which there were no Socialists. Under that law, a Jew was not allowed to stay in the country more than three days without special permission from the Senate, which is not a representative body. Those who got such permits had the right to carry on business of all kinds. But no Jew could become a Finnish citizen, even though born there. The Socialists in the new Diet tried to get the law changed. They proposed that Jews as well as others should have the right to live in the country without asking for permits, and that all natives should be citizens, regardless of race. All the capitalist and reactionary parties opposed the bill, and it has not been passed. The Diet will be in session again within a few days, and it is expected that the question will come up again, and the Socialist members will certainly again use their influence to get the restrictions abolished. Mr. Aho thinks there is at least partially successful. The facts regarding the recent banishment of Jews from Finland seem to have been somewhat exaggerated. More this winter than ever before for permission to live in Finland, and the Senate refused the petitions of some twenty or thirty families, the chief reason given being that the Jews presently violated the state regulations regarding the slaughtering of ani-

TALKS WITH THE GIRL WHO WORKS.

By GERTRUDE BARNUM.

II. HOW ARE YOU?

I have met a great many girls to-day who were not feeling very well.

Several of the girls wore glasses. These work in a large electrical supply factory, and they begin at half-past seven in the morning.

All the girls there do. If they are three minutes late they are docked twenty cents. Electric lights hang all around them on a direct level with their eyes, and the girls call it putting their eyes "in the fire" when they start their work. They bend over and rush frantically because it is "piece work" and does not pay one-half what it used to pay three years ago.

They stop about twenty minutes to snatch a lunch, and then hurry back to work, all the time being very careful in spite of the rush, for if they damage a "piece" they are not paid. (The public buys the damaged goods, however.)

At about eight o'clock at night they straighten out their stiff backs and knees, take their eyes "out of the fire" and wend their way down, "hump-backed and blind," with their "passes" to get out. No girl can "get out" until the work allotted her is finished.

They get their supper when they arrive at home, about nine o'clock, if they care for supper before going to bed. They are glad when the week is over, even if the pay envelope brings them less all the time. They "can't complain" if they get \$5.60 a week.

Six years ago they made \$25 with half the work. One of the girls said she guessed some one else would soon have to support her mother as she was about "played out."

One of the pretty ones said she was looking around for a man to marry her before she got "fog in her eyes" like most of the girls, and one of the others said, sarcastically, that maybe she might marry the "boss," who comes to work in his automobile.

Another said she went directly to a school of stenography at night, but it wasn't "much good," because she was too tired and had not had enough schooling before going to work, and there were so many stenographers already.

And how were the other girls I met to-day? Oh, let us change the subject! I am very well, I thank you. I thought I wasn't this morning, and I talked of going to the country, but I see that I am a perfect Amazon for a woman who works.

And how are you? "Not that I care at all, but just to make conversation," as the testy old gentleman said.

I get so tired of looking at sickly faces and spectacles and stoop shoulders and sunken cheeks and of hearing "tales of woe!"

Why do you not take care of your health? Do you like to go blind and deaf? Do you like to lose your beauty?

As I pass you on the street coming from your prisons to your homes (?) I can hardly stand looking at you! That isn't very polite, but it is true.

You are giving yourselves away. You give your employers and their idle wives and daughters "your money and your lives."

"They like your face and take it." There is hardly a face fit to look at when it is forty years old.

Don't talk to me about the poor working girl! There are more working girls than there are employers. Did you ever think of that? All you have to do is to get together and go to your "boss" and say: "We want our money. We want a few hours of each one of our days. We want our Saturday half-holidays. We want room and air in the shop. We want respectful treatment. We need our eye sight, our lungs and our spines, and we must trouble you to hand over to us what is ours. I believe in the faith cure for the girl who works. Let us "send out a thought" to her. It is high time for girls to get together and cry "Stop thief!" to the "leisure classes."

Working girls are getting together in Trade Unions. Go and join them and take others. You will soon be too many for your little meeting halls and then you will move to Cooper Union; and some day you will move out of doors and go, for instance, to that electrical supply factory in a body and call on the "boss" for a speech. You will ask him a few questions—and The Call will print the questions and the whole public will stand by you.

Go and talk it over at your Trade Unions.

At the latest advice, only one of these families had actually been expelled, the others being allowed a month or two in which to settle their affairs. The Social Democrats of Finland have always and everywhere, through their party organization and their international solidarity and opposition to the special legislation against the Jews or against people of any race or creed.

H. D.—We cannot undertake in this column to answer questions as to the financial reliability of business firms. It would take a large special staff to gather the information upon which to base such answers. There are various agencies—Bradstreet's, Dun's, etc.—which make a specialty of investigating and giving such information.

SPEED THE DAY.

The unfair assaults of so large a portion of the daily press upon the cause of organized labor at this particular time should open the eyes of unions to the necessity of supporting and maintaining a press of their own. A good strong labor press is an absolute necessity in the twentieth century as a defence for labor against unjust assaults of the commercial press. We hope to see the time when organized labor will have a daily press of its own in every city in the land and when it will have its own associated press.—Coopers' Journal.