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POINCARÉ ROARS WITH GLEE AS DWARF IMPERSONATES HIM

"I'd Love to Applaud," He
Chuckles After Joke
by Midget Actor.

Paris, Aug. 14.—Like most personalities in view, M. Poincaré has his stage imitators. But unlike a good number of them, he not only doesn't mind their "taking him off," but actually revels in watching them.

Perhaps the best of them from a comic standpoint is the dwarf Delphin, recently the star attraction of the Carillon cabaret. Because of M. Poincaré's short stature, Delphin is able to put on an exceedingly funny imitation in miniature, never missing a trick. The schoolmasterly, punctuating gesture of the forefinger of the right hand, the little, sharp but ever so clear voice, the occasional emphatic waggling of the short beard, and once in a while a quick Joe Cannon-like step—all are there.

But the present Premier doesn't go often to cabarets, even to the Carillon. Which is why his old friend, Jean Bernard, the writer in inviting him to an evening party, also invited Delphin.

Poincaré didn't know what was coming. Neither did such distinguished people as Arthur Meyer, editor, and General Berthoulet, Gouraud's predecessor as Military Governor of Paris. Consequently, when little Delphin came forward with a formidable pile of typewritten sheets in one hand, a brief case in the other, and in true Poincaré style started to quote the Versailles Treaty and give Germany "what for," there was considerable uneasiness among the select company.

The Premier, however, was delighted. He simply folded his hands over his stomach and roared. Bit by bit his neighbors, taking the cue, let themselves go and joined in. When Poincaré, still laughing, said, "I'd love to applaud," but I'd have the air of applauding my own self."

Then he shook hands with his half-porter imitator, who complimented him highly. Delphin later admitted he was scared stiff before he dared "play Poincaré before Poincaré," but that the stage fright was worth it for the statesman's hand shake—and forgiveness.

Spanker For San Francisco Chinese

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—(A. P. by mail).—"Spanking nearly done" might be the sign on the door of the headquarters of the Chinatown squad at the Hall of Justice here. Police Corporal Jack Floyd is the official spanker, and rarely a day passes that he does not imprint his trademark on some incorrigible Chinese youth.

Corporal Floyd, who because of this aspect he assumes on punitive occasions, is also known as the "Man of Chinatown." First entered his present profession about three months ago when a worried Oriental parent confided to him the case of his son.

"My boy, Sam, he no likes go school. All-time run away. Take him juy'ville court—no good. No like juy'ville court. Sam juy' run away some more. You spanker him, Mistah Floyd." And Floyd did.

So appreciative was the parent of Floyd's handwork that he presented him with a canary bird in a picture-que cage. Today a dozen canary birds at the Hall of Justice testify that Floyd's business is expanding.

DIAMOND-STUDDED CHARIOTS TO PARADE STREETS OF ANTWERP

Antwerp, July 23.—(A. P. by mail).—A great jewel pageant is being organized by the Antwerp diamond cutters to parade the streets of this Flemish city in August. Cars 20 feet long will be ornamented with real long diamonds representing large fortunes, while the occupants will be sumptuously attired.

POLISH DIET AIDS SPORTS.

Warsaw, July 22.—(A. P. by mail).—A special Sports Commission of the Diet has been formed to deal with all matters of athletics and physical education in Poland. One of the first decisions of this commission was that no resolution of a legislative character will be passed without previous communication with the Polish Committee of the Olympic and the Polish Union of sporting organizations.

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Tunnel Under Hudson Shifted By Silt Flood

Engineers Constructing Twin Vehicular Tubes Prevent Serious Accident.

New York, Aug. 14.—Engineers responsible for the construction of the New York and New Jersey vehicular tunnel have learned one lesson about the ancient silt under the Hudson River which they will never forget. The lesson is this: You can build a huge cast-iron tunnel thirty feet in diameter through the packed prehistoric silt, and it will furnish a safe bottom for the tunnel, but if you let the water seep through the silt roof and silt, so that the silt turns to the consistency of thin mush, then beware, for the tunnel will float out of position.

In the case of the tunnel now being built it started upward, and engineers "walked the floor" until they checked it by partially flooding the huge working shield with the silt itself. The shield does the cutting for the tunnel (which is heavier than the cast-iron tunnel shell) until the silt, heavier than water, settled in around the tunnel shell, fixing it to its course.

Level Maintained for Bed. The theory of the engineers was that the weight of the tunnel shell would have a tendency to depress itself into the silt behind the shield. The opposite developed in this instance. A perfect level was maintained for the tunnel bed until the water seeped through, turning the silt to mush, when the law of physics asserted itself, the heavier liquid silt displacing the tunnel shell, with its huge air space. Hereafter tunnel builders dry silt will be one thing, while oozy silt will be something else.

The unexpected "floating" of the tunnel, 100 feet or more below the surface of the Hudson and under a fifty-foot bed of silt, is the nearest the engineers have come to a serious accident.

Meanwhile, the tunnel work is proceeding apace, the progress for the month of July breaking all engineering records for a tunnel thirty feet in diameter. In the south tunnel—there are twin tubes, side by side—on the New York side, the contractor, the Booth & Pinn Company, built 233½ feet of thirty-foot tunnel in thirty-one days, at the rate of nearly twenty feet a day.

Three Thousand Feet Complete. In the combined four headings the workmen have completed 2,000 feet of tunnel. In the south tunnel, going west, tunnel, going east, 1,000 feet of tunnel was completed on Saturday night. In this heading the shield men are close to solid rock.

For the two Jersey side shafts the foundation piles, comprising eighty-four steel casings, twenty-four inches in diameter, filled with reinforced concrete and bedded in the rock 200 feet below the surface of the Hudson, are all in place. The last of the four big caissons is nearing completion and will be lowered to its location by the end of this month. These caissons mark the location of the shafts in the Hudson. Four of the big shafts are in operation, and the fifth will be installed on the New Jersey side this month. Three shifts of men are working under air pressure in three of the shafts nearest land, and four shifts in the south tunnel on the Canal Street side. Under the compressed air, when the air pressure reaches twenty-two pounds, the working shifts are reduced from six to four hours.

May Complete Job in 1926. The engineers estimate that the tunnel, in the rough, will be completed in the spring of 1926, and then will come the job of lining it with concrete, which will take at least six months. Following this about 19,000 feet of roadway is to go in, so that there is little hope that the tunnel will be ready for traffic before the summer of 1926. It is expected the tunnel will be used by approximately 40,000 vehicles a day.

More than 1,000 men are now engaged in the construction, of whom the contractor employs about 900 and the Tunnel Commission about 100.

AUTOIST DRIVING PAST LINKS KNOCKED OUT BY GOLF BALL

Trenton, Aug. 14.—Edward Wittman of Trenton was struck on the head by a golf ball as he was riding in his automobile past the links of the Trenton Country Club. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital, where it was said he was suffering from a possible concussion of the brain.

The ball, according to the police, was driven by Russell Teunon, also of Trenton. He was not held.

Great minds and great fortunes don't always go together.

ONLY ALLEY CUR, BUT HE'S SOME DOG FOR A' THAT



"JUST A MUTT."

Kenosha, Wis.—He was only an overgrown, mangy, flea-bitten alley hound—homeless, friendless and hungry. Drooping tail, fearsome eyes, dejected ears, uncertain gait marked him as nobody's dog.

Along came a little boy exploring unknown things and places. He saw the pup. And the pup saw him—prime makings for a duo of joy.

Blind to the dejected ugliness, the lad bent over and gathered the dog in his arms.

"Puppy, oh puppy, be my dog," he begged.

And the alley hound went home with him.

For nearly a week, the boy, Joe Marine, a son of Kenosha's "Little Italy," practically lived with that dog. Then came the municipal dog show. Every kid brought his dog. All the canine aristocracy turned out.

But it was the day of the alley cur. When the show was over, Joe went running home a-singing, with the dejected pup a-barking at his side.

"Just a Mutt!"—for that was the name the boy had given him—had won first prize.

Joe was happy. And so was his alley tramp, with the blue ribbon around his neck.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

In Dublin yesterday a temporary canopied to the memory of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins was unveiled near the Government buildings.

President Cosgrave delivered an oration. Governor-General Healy and state representatives were present.

In reply to the petition of the G. W. V. A. for the restoration of certain sections removed from the pension and re-establishment legislation of the last session Hon. Dr. H. S. Bland said yesterday that he did not know the omissions had occurred but in any event they were not serious.

One section referred to dealt with the right of access to files by an applicant and another had to do with traveling expenses.

Lightning on Sunday struck the house of Freeman Saylor at Eastern Passage, near Halifax, entering through the chimney and passing through every room in the house. Two children were stunned for a time and the arm of one of them scorched. B. L. Mitchell, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada in Halifax reported at the height of the storm a telephone receiver was knocked from his hand and he was temporarily partially paralyzed.

Heavy rain last night between 6:30 and 10 o'clock, put a damper on all outdoor plans for the evening. The precipitation amounted to .16 of an inch.

By "BRIGGS"

SOMEbody IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

SMOKE OLD CHUM TOBACCO

TEACHER SEEKS OLD JOB. Benjamin Glassberg, Removed During the War, May Be Reinstated.

New York, Aug. 14.—The case of another public school teacher whose loyalty to the country during the war period was questioned and who was subsequently dismissed may be reopened by the Board of Education.

At a meeting of the board a letter from Benjamin Glassberg, formerly a teacher in the Commercial High School, Brooklyn, dismissed in 1919, was read and referred to Mr. Somers of the Law Committee and President Ryan.

A month ago another teacher, Miss Mary S. McDowell, a Quakeress, dismissed in 1918 because she refused unqualifiedly to sign the loyalty pledge, was reinstated by the board.

In calling the attention of the members of the board to the case, Commissioner Somers said that he now believed Glassberg "as thoroughly American as any man teaching in the public schools."

Glassberg stated in his letter that he no longer was active in political matters, which, he believed, has complicated his case. Glassberg praised American liberties and stated that he "yielded to no one in fundamental American ideas."

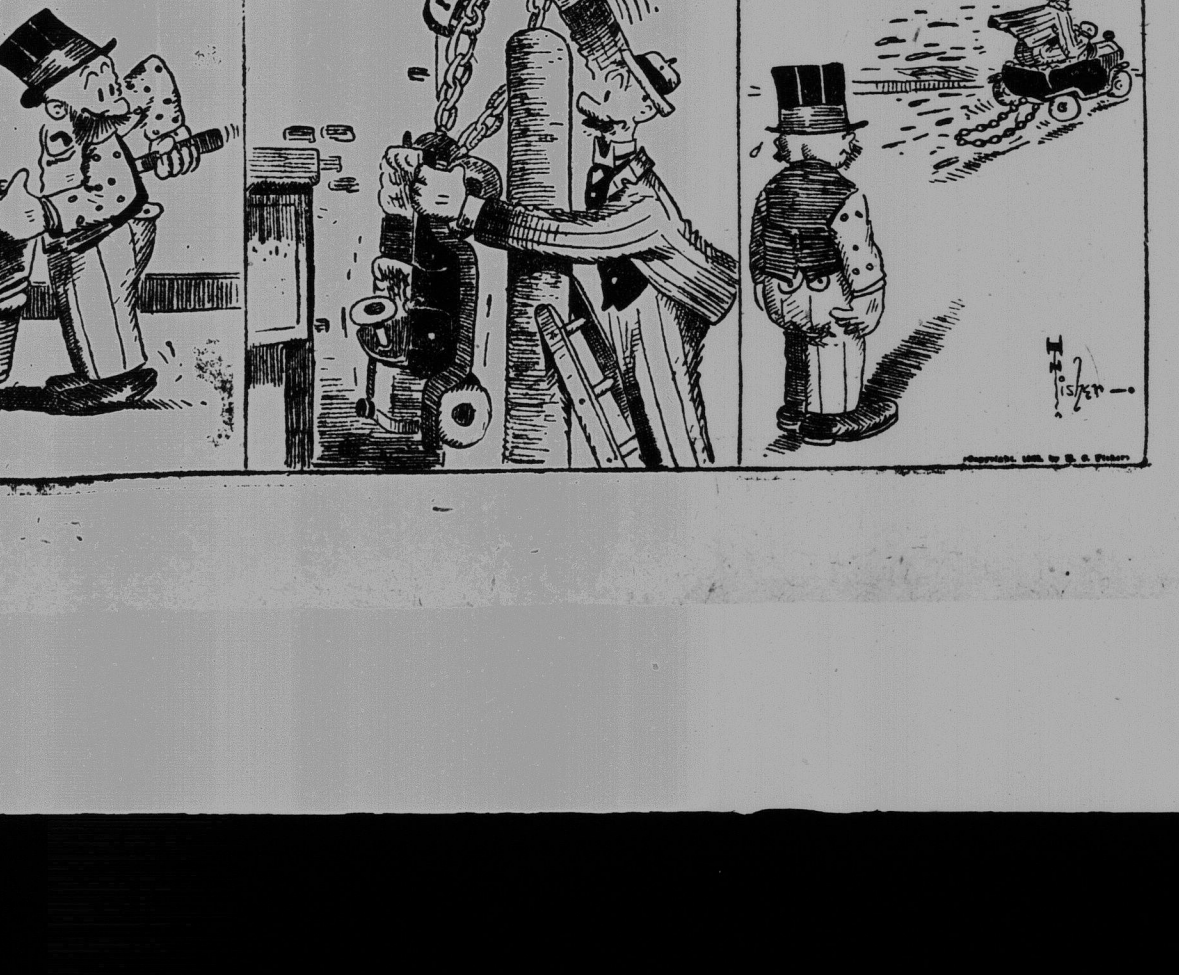
Two years ago Glassberg, resigning from the Socialist Party, pledged himself "to aid in the effort to establish a Social and Soviet Republic in the United States," with "unconditional affiliation with the Third International."

"This case came up at a time when we were all upset over the war," Mr. Somers said. "I think the least thing that we can do is to give it reconsideration. I have recently talked with him several times and am convinced that he is not as black as he has been painted. I think that he has been punished enough."

Miss H. T. Melickjohn has returned after an inspection trip to Grand Falls and vicinity, and expressed herself as well satisfied with the manner in which the health work in that community is being carried on.

By "BUD" FISHER

MUTT AND JEFF—JEFF NEEDS A HALTER FOR HIS BUS



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