

A Cleaner Press.

Mr. Arthur English Replies to "Looker-On" in the Daily News.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir.—A writer in a late issue of the "Daily News," who signs himself "Looker-On," seems to show a great zeal for a cleaner press. He objects to the strong language that is sometimes indulged in, but as he cites his examples solely from a certain section of the Opposition Press, I am inclined to believe that his zeal is that of one who would ward off from the heads of P. T. McGrath and others of that ilk the well-merited castigation they at times receive. I would be apt to credit "Looker-On" with sincerity were he to express some regret that purveyors of abuse receive as reward for their ability in that special line, positions of honor and emolument. We have in the Hon. P. T. McGrath a classical example of how a man may

Come to Distinction over a very Slimy Track.

We are taught by that example that the gutter-snipe writer may attain to any position according to his ability as a mud-slinger. That is one of Sir Edward Morris's methods of encouragement. One of the ways by which he hopes to place this country on a high plane among sister countries. Encouragement to those of mediocre ability, of small mental capacity. He should establish in our colleges a chair of Villification of Political Opponents, making McGrath first Professor. A person does not need any great breadth of mind to obtain a degree. In fact nobility of mind and great mental powers may be regarded as disqualifying factors. The first professor has no marked ability, save as a foul writer. We may take that absurd work of his "Newfoundland in 1911" as a criterion of his lack of intellectual development. No school boy but would be ashamed to father it. As a villifier, P. T. McGrath stands in a class by himself in this country, and no fire-side is sacred, and no individual is safe from his attacks. Who that ever entered public life or crossed P. T. McGrath in any way, that has escaped his foul pen. The high and the low, whether in Church or State, are alike liable to his unprovoked and venomous attacks. To-day he is pouring out on his leader, Sir Edward Morris, no less disgusting flattery than

Once he heaped upon him the Vildest Abuse,
and no doubt he has special vials of slander to pour out upon that same person to-morrow, were he paid to do so. Sir Edward Morris deserves what he gets from McGrath—the fulsome flattery that is revolting to a sensitive mind he has bought and paid for in kind. Edward flatters Patsy and Patsy flatters Edward. The admiration is mutual and no doubt so is the sincerity. Do you hemoan all this disgusting travesty of honesty and manliness, Mr. "Looker-On"? P. T. McGrath, author of "Newfoundland in 1911," has the consummate cheek to speak of those who have the honesty to criticize the actions of the corrupt and spendthrift Picnic Party, as political mountebanks. Just fancy P. T. McGrath calling other's mountebanks. To what a degree of barefacedness has he come! What of himself? What of the party of experimentalists, who are playing fast and loose with the country's finances? Look at all the fantastic cures they have for the country's ills. Are they not the real, only and original mountebanks? Is not the wonder-working Aladdin—Morris—a mountebank? Is not P. T. McGrath the literary pilferer a political and literary mountebank.—using

the word in the sense in which he would employ it? The man who cries the wares of the mountebank.

Must be at heart a Mountebank Himself.

I wonder what "Looker-On" thinks of McGrath's attack on W. F. Coaker last spring. Does he recollect how that man's private life was invaded by the heartless and unscrupulous wretch then editing the now defunct "Chronicle"? I do not remember ever to have heard "Looker-On" express disapproval. Is he indifferent to the sins of McGrath? Does he condone them, whilst condemning the minor faults of others? Does "Looker-On" remember how McGrath attempted to drive the writer of this article from the field of controversy a year ago, by his old-time method of introducing personalities into a question that was purely of public interest? If he remembers at all, I hope it is with pride that he saw McGrath driven so ignominiously into that silence which should ever surround him who cannot maintain an intelligent argument, but must fall back upon abuse. McGrath has suffered immunity from well-merited bodily castigation because of his physical infirmities. We have been patient with him, in a good-natured way and the wretch has played upon our good nature, thereby making his physical weakness, in a paradoxical way, his strength. Mr. "Looker-On" if you are really in earnest try not to be biased. Make an effort to see the faults of the other side.

They should be easier to see as they are a great deal more glaring.

By a strange dispensation of fate there appeared in the same issue of the "News" which contained the letter from "Looker-On," the publication of a paper read before a club or society in St. John's, which gave utterance to some very blasphemous words. I do not accuse the author of the words of any blasphemous intent, but they show how utterly superficial is our respect for the Almighty. No person, I think, whose reverence for God descends below the surface could calmly pen such a horrid blasphemy as to accuse the Great Omnipotent Creator of having failed in His plans. I fear, Mr. "Looker-On" your reverence for the amenities of newspaper writing are as superficial as your epidemics. You esteem it a great crime to mention hell, but it is no sin to invade the private life of a person, or to attack his fireside, or to create strife or stir up discord. I regret having to write in this way, but I feel impelled to resent the one-sided view taken by "Looker-On." The champion of his own side is a champion yellow journalist, "Looker-On" wants us to ignore that. Let him try house-cleaning at home, we in the other camp are well qualified to look after ourselves. If you are getting too much mud over your way, you must not forget that it is your own going back to you, but you get it greatly deodorized.

Yours truly,
ARTHUR ENGLISH.

Feb. 24, 1913.

Colsing Exercise of Men's Mission.

The Men's Mission, conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers, concluded at the R. C. Cathedral last night with the largest congregation present since the opening. After the Rosary was recited by Rev. Father McCandlish, a powerful and impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Brick who took as his text: "Remain in My Love." The preacher exhorted all to pray earnestly, approach the Sacraments frequently and thereby remain in God's love. Without prayer we could not become friends with the Blessed Redeemer. After the Papal Blessing had been given by Rev. Fr. Brick, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was imparted by Rev. Father McCandlish.

The offertory collection to defray the expenses of the Mission was taken up and the amount of \$1,353.19 was realized. The women's collection was over \$700, making a total of \$2,100 approximately.

At 5.30 and 8.30 this morning Masses were celebrated at the Cathedral for the repose of the souls of deceased members of the parish.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon about sixty persons, adults of both classes, had the Sacrament of Confirmation administered to them by His Grace Archbishop Howley.

The Women's Mission opened at St. Patrick's Church last night, the preacher being Rev. Father McPhail.

She had a compound fracture of the right foot, a fracture of the left arm and hip and right leg and internal injuries. Physicians said she would die.

Banker Caught in a Blizzard

And Goes Ashore.
From Capt. Kean, of the Portia, we hear that the schooner Monitor, owned by the Gorton Pew Company, of Gloucester, went ashore in Hermitage Bay and sustained damage. The vessel brought down a load of frozen squid to St. Pierre and was coming back to Rose Blanche to buy a cargo of fish. She encountered a blizzard while trying to make Great Jarvis. The wind and sea raged furiously and the Captain tried to harbor in Hermitage Bay. The Monitor got around Long Island and was piloted in safety but she accidentally struck a half-sunken rock with the result that she became leaky and water gained access to the hold. When the storm abated she reached Gaultois where she remained for a tug which towed her to St. Pierre. She is now on the slip there undergoing repairs.

Obituary.

MRS. THOMAS O'MARA.

There passed to her eternal reward Saturday afternoon, the 22nd inst., at her residence, "O'Mara Place," Freshwater Road, an estimable and well-known lady in the person of Mrs. O'Mara, relict of the late Thomas O'Mara, shipwright. Mrs. O'Mara who had reached the ripe old age of 83 years came to Newfoundland from her native City of Kilkenny, Ireland, with three sisters in the early thirties, and in the lengthy period which has since elapsed she only once saw the old home land, this was some years ago when in company with her late husband she renewed the associations of early childhood and while in the old land visited many places of interest outside of old Kilkenny. While in Ireland Mr. and Mrs. O'Mara had the distinction of being entertained at their country residence, "The Manor," by Lord and Lady Roberts, and the deceased often dwelt with pleasure on this incident in her life. Mrs. O'Mara was one of the good old kindly Irish stock who are fast disappearing. Mrs. O'Mara succumbed to an illness of almost two years duration but retained her faculties to the last. The deceased is survived by one son, Mr. M. J. O'Mara, and one daughter, Miss Maggie O'Mara, to whom the Telegram extends condolence.

Burglars Arrested.

Besides the boy Snow arrested Saturday as exclusively reported in the Telegram, two others have since been arrested by Detective-Sergt. Byrne. One of these, Humby, was taken Saturday night, and another named Coady, Saturday afternoon. The two latter with Snow burglarized Harvey & Co.'s office, particulars of which have already been given in the Telegram, and secured the sum of \$6.60. Snow was the leader in the burglary but was ably assisted by his two pals who helped him spend the money. The police believe they have the perpetrators of the burglaries at Strang's, C. P. Eagan's, Highlanders Armoury and other places, details of which have exclusively appeared in the Telegram.

Two Dying After Long Falls.

New York, Feb. 10.—Two women were taken to Harlem Hospital afternoon mortally wounded as the result of falls from the fifth floors of different apartment buildings.

Miss Celia Ginsberg, 21 years old, was calling on her sister, Mrs. Rachael Stepanki, who has an apartment on the fifth floor of 221 East and 110th street. She had been suffering from melancholia for several weeks, and members of the family decided she should be taken to Harlem Hospital. Her brother Jacob went to the apartment with a policeman, preparatory to calling an ambulance.

As the brother and the policeman approached her she ran to a window, which was closed, and plunged head first, through it, taking the sash with her. She was found, unconscious, on the sidewalk, and taken to the hospital, where physicians said she would die. Her spine and her right leg were fractured.

Mrs. Sarah Foster, 51 years old, wife of Isidore Foster, a buyer for a department store, living on the 5th floor of the Francis Court Apartments, at No. 137 West 141st Street, was leaving the elevator when her dress became entangled in the elevator door. The operator, Herman Morris, a negro, opened the door to release the dress and lost control of the car, which shot upward.

Mrs. Foster attempted to jump through the door of the elevator, stumbled, staggered backward, and fell down the shaft, a distance of 120 feet.

She had a compound fracture of the right foot, a fracture of the left arm and hip and right leg and internal injuries. Physicians said she would die.

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King of the Picture Palaces.

Chat With Mr. Seigmund Lubin, whose Films are Famous all Over the World.

Mr. Seigmund Lubin, now on a flying visit to this country after his trip to Germany, where he is about to establish a mammoth studio, had a chat with the Tit-Bits man the other day.

"I don't feel a bit old," declared Mr. Lubin, who is sixty-two. "I still take an active interest in all branches of my business. I am still an optician, engineer, director, photographer and electrician, so that I am always busy. I have invented many improvements for the cinematograph, and hope to come along with many more."

"About myself? Well, almost fifty years ago I landed in New York, a young lad from Germany. In Berlin I had been in the optical business with my father, and after a few years in New York I started in business of my own. Then I became interested in photography, invented lenses and other improvements, and built a moving picture machine."

"My first negative was of a horse eating hay, and people who saw it said 'Wonderful, wonderful. However is it done?' That was less than twenty years ago. Who would look at such a picture now?"

"For some years I was involved in a patent war with the Edison Company, and all the money from my shop in Philadelphia went in lawsuits. Thus my business in the cinema world was at a standstill for a considerable period."

"Then the motion picture trade began to move, and my studio and plant sprang from a small room into a block of buildings. My present studio was erected at a cost of £200,000, and the plant I propose to erect in Berlin will cost a similar amount."

"The Betzwood estate, which I recently purchased to facilitate the taking of motion pictures, cost me £400,000, and comprises over five hundred acres. It contains several fully stocked farms, two miles of river frontage, a deer park, and a large mansion. For my cowboy pictures I have imported one hundred real bronchos from Texas, and we have large numbers of cows, steers, horses, ducks, geese and chickens. We also find constant employment for a dozen motor cars, and even possess an up-to-date aeroplane."

"My studio in Philadelphia is built

almost entirely of glass and steel. It is large enough for four companies to rehearse on the ground floor at the same time, and the top floor will accommodate a crowd of five hundred people, together with several horses and motor cars. We are able to set up a whole street scene in the studio.

"Our property room, containing several thousand costumes, is another of my proudest assets. We can dress you up as a Mexican, Spaniard, soldier, sailor, civilian, policeman, tramp, or anything else at a moment's notice."

"Year in and year out I employ nearly four hundred people, and my salary list is about £100,000 per annum. Scenarios for the plays are a costly item. We pay £10 to £40 for a scenario, and cannot get good ideas even at that figure. In addition each one of my directors has a high-salaried writer engaged in no other work than the production of scenario ideas, and I pay a heavy royalty to the leading American magazines for the option to turn any of their stories into films."

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Girl Stole \$14

And Was Arrested—Implicated in Other Larcenies.

On Thursday evening last a girl, fourteen years old, visited and had tea at the house of a woman named Payne on Barron Street. The latter left the house to go next door for some purpose and during her absence the misguided girl made 'love' to a purse containing fourteen dollars that was left on the sideboard. When Mrs. Payne returned she was amazed to find that her guest had disappeared and likewise her cash. She reported the matter to the police, and on Saturday night Constable Nugent arrested the girl who on being brought to the lock up confessed what she had done. She is also charged with the larceny of a muff, a muffler, a collar and a quantity of inside clothing.

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