

"MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS" AND THEN THE ROW BEGAN

Jack McGrath and His Cousin Get in Trouble for "Butting" in at a Brooklyn Restaurant—Claim Lighte Was Acting Contrary to Decency—Mrs. Lighte Said Her Husband Was Badly Handled and Seriously Injured—"Teddy" Stands by McGrath and Has Absolute Confidence in His Ability and Integrity

NEW YORK, March 29.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's private secretary, John McGrath, who has been the ex-President's confidential man on all political tours since 1912 and Acting Secretary of the Progressive National Committee for the last few months, was sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse on Blackwell's Island in the Court of Special Session in Brooklyn yesterday on a charge of assault and disorderly conduct. The complainant was Charles Lighte, a manufacturer of mineral waters, who said that McGrath and his cousin, William Powers, had broken his leg and also had insulted Mrs. Lighte in a cafe in the rear of a saloon at St. John's Place and Rogers Avenue, in Brooklyn, on the night of June 11 last.

McGrath's attorney, John J. Halpin, of the law firm of Bowers & Sands, who were counsel for Colonel Roosevelt in the Barnes libel suit, late last night got a suspension of sentence from Justice Stapleton pending an examination of the testimony in an application for a certificate of reasonable doubt. Mr. McGrath spent several hours in Raymond Street jail and had not been released at midnight.

Colonel Roosevelt said last night at Oyster Bay that he had confidence in his secretary, and would do everything to aid him in his fight to keep out of prison.

This statement was issued by the ex-President at Oyster Bay last night: "Mr. McGrath told me he was in a restaurant and had nothing to do with the assault except to interfere to save a woman from injury. I believe in him absolutely. He has been associated with me now for nearly four years in the closest relations, and I have felt I could not only have absolute confidence in his energy and ability, but in his straight-forward integrity. He will continue in my service with undiminished trust and regard on my part, exactly as if this had not happened."

Stories told by McGrath and Mr. and Mrs. Powers and by the complainant and his witnesses differed greatly. McGrath and Powers testified that McGrath had come to visit Mr. and Mrs. Powers at their home at 1,530 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, and that they had gone to the cafe to telephone to Mrs. McGrath at Oyster Bay that her husband had missed his train and would not be home until late that night.

They said they took a table next to that of the Lightes, and Mrs. Powers was facing the Lighte table. Lighte's behaviour with his wife became such that McGrath and Powers said they felt constrained, in the cause of decency, since Mrs. Powers was with them, to ask Lighte to cease demonstration he was making.

Lighte became indignant, they said, and struck at Powers, while McGrath attempted to separate the combatants. Mr. Halpin said that McGrath had not struck a blow. Powers struck Lighte in self-defense, it was said, and did not know Lighte had injured his leg.

The Lightes said they were sitting at their table quietly discussing what they should eat for dinner when Powers remarked:

"Why don't you feed the kid?" "Mind your business," retorted Mrs. Lighte, and with that the fight was on, witnesses said.

Mrs. Lighte cuffed Powers, remarking to her husband at the same time, "You're not going to stand for this, are you?" and Mr. Lighte got up to give battle. Mrs. Lighte testified that

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CONFIRMATION AT ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH

Yesterday afternoon a confirmation service was held at St. Thomas's Church when about 140 candidates including several adults, received the "laying on of hands" by his Lordship Bishop Jones. The Bishop was assisted at the service by Rev. Dr. Jones, Revs. Moulton and Cracknell, the latter acting as Chaplain. Hon. R. Watson and W. S. Monroe Esq., presented the candidates. After the confirmation ceremony his Lordship delivered an earnest and instructive address to the newly confirmed, laying special emphasis on prayer and importance of Holy Communion.

Men's Mission Opens at St. Patrick's

The Mission for the women at St. Patrick's Church concluded yesterday afternoon, when a collection taken up resulted in the excellent total of nearly \$800.

At 7 p.m. the men's Mission opened after Rosary had been recited and instructions given by Father Columban. Father Vincent preached a sermon, the like of which has not often been heard at St. Patrick's. It had reference to the necessity for repentance, the peril of the procrastinating sinner and the imminence of death. Burning words of eloquence were heard from this gifted preacher, whose discourse came to a graphic and touching conclusion with a prayer at the foot of the representation of the Mission and the conversion of sinners. The Church was packed to the doors with men, among whom were the Catholic volunteers of the Parish. The singing was congregational and very harmonious. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was imposed by Rev. Fr. Sheehan.

McGrath and Powers beat her husband and rolled him around on the floor until they had broken his leg, and until he was almost unconscious. Lighte was so ill for fourteen weeks after the fight that he could not leave his bed, his wife said. As soon as he could the house he went to the Flatbush Police Court, and on Oct. 11 made a complaint before Magistrate Naumer. McGrath and Powers were held for the Grand Jury, and on Oct. 14 the case was sent to Special Sessions. Several adjournments of the case followed because Lighte was not able to appear in court. It was finally decided to try the case without him, and his wife told the court yesterday that he was still unable to leave his bed, except at intervals.

It was not known that McGrath was Colonel Roosevelt's secretary until Assistant District Attorney Edward Cooper insisted that the defendant give his record. When he told who he was Mr. Cooper sent to his office for Charles Cunick, who had worked for Colonel Roosevelt, and he identified McGrath.

McGrath almost collapsed when he heard Justice Salmon, Carvin, and Edwards sentence him for thirty days. His face became pale and he walked slowly and was very nervous when attendants led him to the patrol wagon that was to take him to Raymond Street jail.

Powers also was found guilty and got a similar sentence. It was said that while the trial was in progress some person who said he was at the headquarters of the Progressive National Committee at 20 East Forty-second Street telephoned to protest against sentencing McGrath to Blackwell's Island.

It was denied at Progressive Headquarters that Mr. McGrath was on trial in Brooklyn. "The idea was ridiculous. When he left the office he expected to return, they said." Neither did any one at Colonel Roosevelt's office at the Metropolitan Magazine know that Mr. McGrath had been sentenced. He had been at both offices early in the day.

Mrs. Lighte refused to comment on the case last night when she was interviewed at the Lighte Bottling Works at 646 Pacific Street, Brooklyn. At Mr. McGrath's home at 600 West 178th Street it was said that Mrs. McGrath was out, and that she would not return until late. No one was allowed to visit the prisoners in Raymond St. Jail after 5 o'clock without special permission from the Commissioner of Corrections.

Mrs. Della Stenbeck, mother of Mrs. McGrath, who lives at 542 West Seventy-ninth Street, where Mr. McGrath lived last Summer, did not know of the trial or the alleged assault.

It was said that it would take several days to consider the application for a certificate of reasonable doubt, and that pending the decision for appeal.

LOCAL ITEMS

A young woman named Quann arrived from Hr. Breton by the Prospero for the General Hospital, being ill of an internal malady.

Dr. J. J. O'Connell left here by the express last evening to join the St. Francis' Xavier Medical Unit at Antigonish.

The Postal Telegraphs to-day had a wire from Catalina, saying the Sam Blandford was detained there, owing to the stormy weather.

James Baird, Ltd., has purchased the three-masted schooner "Set Jr." She is a fine ship, capable of carrying 4,700 drums, is five years old and will be employed by the firm in the Brazilian trade.

There was a rifle competition amongst the Volunteers at the South Side Range yesterday, when Pte. Hodnot, at 200 yards range, shooting at the stationary target and moving man, nearly made the possible. Excellent shooting was done, the average being 18 points.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL SULLIVAN IMPROVING.

We are pleased to learn that Inspector-General Sullivan, who has been ill the past week or so, as the result of an attack of grippe, is now almost completely recovered and will be about in a day or so. Though confined in his home, Mr. Sullivan was able to devote his attention to the more important matters connected with his department.

THE PROSPERO IN PORT

S.S. Prospero, Capt. Joe. Keen, arrived just before midnight yesterday. The round trip was made in fairly good time, making all ports of call. Returning, some little fog was met with and some delay, was had getting down the shore. The Prospero brought a small quantity of freight and the following passengers—Capt. W. Hollett, H. Rowse, J. B. Batten, T. Tupp, P. Parsons, Mrs. G. Camp, Messrs. H. Quinn and J. Ashford and 20 second class.

VOLUNTEERS HOLD CHURCH PARADE

The volunteers yesterday forenoon paraded to service, the men going to St. Thomas's, the R. C. Cathedral, George St. Methodist Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The men did not have a march through the city, each section returning to the armory and being dismissed. Well over 200 men paraded.

An Imposing Funeral

The funeral of the late Master Rd. Doherty took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Prospect Street, and was very imposing. The remains enclosed in a handsome casket, were covered with the Union Jack, contained many floral wreaths and on the casket was placed the cap which he wore as a private in the Catholic Cadet Corps. The full battalion of the corps paraded under Lieut. Col. C. O'N. Conroy, and preceded the hearse the band under Capt. A. Bulley, discoursing the Dead March.

There were present also squads from the Church Lads Brigade and Nfld. Highlanders, as the officers of the Holy Name Society, senior and junior, the officers of the Adult and Juvenile T. A. & B. Societies, and a large number of citizens, including the school-mates of the deceased from the Christian Bros' schools, St. Patrick's Hall. Mr. M. W. Myrick was the undertaker and at the Cathedral the final absolution was imparted by Rev. Dr. Greene. Interment was at Mount Carmel Cemetery, where, when the casket was lowered into the grave, Bugler Madden sounded the "Last Post."

FREEDOM OF THE CLUBS

Saturday, Secretary George J. Coughlan of the T. A. & B. Society and President J. T. Martin of the Star of the Sea Association had a letter from Premier Morris asking each body to give the returning disabled volunteers the freedom of their rooms. Both societies gladly determined to do so, and the returning soldiers can use the rooms of each at will.

CATHEDRAL MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Yesterday's session of the C. M. B. C. was a very important one, and a most interesting and very able address on "Education" was given by Mr. Arthur Barnes. Rev. J. Brinton presided, many members were present, and the class band rendered several hymns in an excellent manner. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker, and the meeting closed with the Benediction given by the President.

Precautions Against Air Raids

We, in Newfoundland, so remote from the danger of air raids, or other attacks of the Germans can have no idea of the precautions taken to minimize the losses in life and property that may occur when such raids are made. A Scotch gentleman, residing here, showed us a circular, on Saturday, issued by the Burgh of Stonehaven, guarding against possible raids. The Burgh is now in comparative darkness, but with the slightest sign of an air raid, all lights visible from the outside in private residences, or public buildings, must be immediately quenched. All factories and works, including gas works, must immediately cease work and extinguish lights. To give warning to all, when intimation is received of an approaching raid, the town and church bells will be rung and stopped at intervals of half a minute, for five minutes, as a warning to turn off all lights that might be visible to the aerial enemies, so that the inhabitants may take precautions for their safety, and that the police, special police and ambulances may be ready for duty. All vehicular traffic must cease, vehicles remain stationary until permitted to proceed, and lights on them instantly quenched. The public are warned not to go into the streets, or congregate in the open, and shelter in lower rooms and cellars of buildings or houses, and factories or buildings of only one story are considered very unsafe places.

An Awful Affair

We learn to-day of an awful affair which recently occurred on Bell Island, and which led to the arrest last week of a well-known resident of the place, a man of 55 years, and who will be brought here to-morrow. He is the father of a family, and the trouble occurred in his own household. It is said this is the second time that such a crime was committed by the same person.

WILL "TRY AGAIN"

Wm. Wilson, aged 19, son of Capt. W. Wilson of the S.S. Adventure now in Russia, has repeatedly tried to enlist but owing to a slight internal malady could not be passed by the medical examiners. He goes to hospital to-day to undergo an operation to cure him of the defect when he will again try to enlist and hopes for success this time. Such plucky and patriotic such as young Wilson deserve every encouragement as they set an example to others which must stir them to greater patriotic endeavour.

A BIG LOSS.

On Saturday night last, a woman of Stephen St., whose husband was lost in the Southern Cross, while on her way to St. Patrick's Church, by way of New Gower Street, met with misfortune. Her allotment money of twenty dollars in some way or other fell out of her pocket. She has four children to support and the finder would be doing a charitable act in returning the money to this office.

COLONIAL COMMERCE

We thank the publisher, Mr. P. K. Devine, for a copy of Colonial Commerce for March.

STORMY UP WEST

All Saturday night and part of yesterday a gale of S.W. wind blew in the region of the Gaff Topsails with snow and the rotary had to be kept running and kept the cuts clear. Yesterday the wind veered to the south with sleet and rain.

Archbishop Rapidly Recovering

A gentleman of the city had a letter Saturday from His Grace Archbishop Roche in which he says that his health is rapidly improving and he hopes to return here perfectly restored to health. He is now in New York and he says he hopes to return 2 or 3 months hence. He sent the gentleman referred to a beautiful large photo of himself which the recipient highly appreciates.

FINISHED DISCHARGING SEALS.

The Florzell finished discharging her seals on Saturday night and turned out 46,000.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

SHIPPING

In the B.I.S. Billiard Tourney, "spots" are leading and the 15 remaining games will likely be finished this week.

The S.S. Sam Blandford arrived at Catalina last evening, and left there this morning for this port.

The Cabot and Earl of Devon, which had gone North with the crews of the Neptune and Eagle returned here yesterday.

The schr. Mildred, Capt. Rendell, arrived yesterday to Geo. M. Barr laden with kerosene, &c., from New York, after a run of 16 days.

Newfoundlander Drowned

From the Halifax "Herald" of the 6th inst. we clip the following: "Falling off DeWolf's wharf, a man named Johnson, of Newfoundland, fireman on the cable steamer Minia, perished before three steamers had time to come to his assistance. Johnson had strolled away from the others, going down on the wharf, and somehow tumbled over the side. Those with him saw him fall forward and by the time they reached the place where he was standing, no trace of Johnson could be seen. He evidently struck his head on the wharf as he fell forward, and did not rise to the surface. His body has not been recovered."

WATERMAN LARSEN INJURED

While Waterman Larsen of G. M. Barr's premises was going into an erection there yesterday some of the boards under his feet gave way and he fell heavily to the wharf, dislocating his shoulder. He was taken home in a cab and attended by Dr. Mitchell. The man narrowly escaped very serious injury and for a while suffered intense pain.

THE KYLE'S PASSENGERS

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.25 a.m. to-day, bringing W. Chester, K. T. Moore, J. R. Saunders, H. C. McLean, Geo. McBeth, L. R. Andrews, H. B. Smith, E. Atkinson, M. Kirch, Mrs. Black and Misses Power, L. McCarthy and H. Roberts.

OFFICIAL SEALING NEWS

Wireless to the Postmaster General via Cape Ray—Viking, Ranger, Diana, Seal, all well, and crews on board.

Goes on Holiday Trip

Mr. T. T. Cartwright, general representative in Newfoundland and the Maritime Provinces of G. W. Gillett, Co., Ltd., Toronto, manufacturer of "Magic" Baking Powder, leaves by Thursday's express for his home in Springfield, Mass., where he will spend Easter with his family. Since arriving in the Colony this year, Mr. Cartwright's health has been very poor. During his absence from the Colony, he will visit several Southern points, and his many friends trust to see him return, fully recovered. Speaking on the business outlook, Mr. Cartwright told a "Mail" representative that the demand for Gillett's goods was never so good as they have been, so far, this year. The great trouble they are experiencing is to get the goods here. Before returning to St. John's, Mr. Cartwright will visit the principal centres of business in his territory, in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

BANKERS DOING WELL

By the Prospero we hear that several of the bankers fishing on the South West Coast are doing very well; among the lucky ones are the following.—Capt. John Thornhill, from Grand Bank, 1300 qtls.; Capt. Tom Hollett, Burin, 1200; Capt. V. Cluett, Belleoram, 1200; Capt. Thornhill, Grand Bank 900 and 800; Capt. Hollett, (2) Burin, 800 and 900; Capt. Fudge, Belleoram, 700 and 800; Inkpen's schooner (Grand Bank), 900; and Capt. John Lewis in the Metamora has 500 qtls. for a couple of weeks fishing.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

F. J. Morris, K.C. presided to-day. A drunk, the second time this season, was fined \$1 or 5 days, and two others were given the same penalty. Two men drunk in charge of horses, were discharged. A Southern Shoeman, drunk the third time this season, was held to be sent home by this evening's train. A drunk and disorderly was fined \$10 or 30 days.

SUGGESTS A JOINT MEETING OF OUR CITY SOCIETIES

ANOTHER VESSEL LOST

The schr. Annie E. Larder, loaded by P. Templeman for the Mediterranean and which left here on March 13th, was lost not long since at sea in a gale and her crew were taken off and landed in New York yesterday.

BOWRINGS HAVE 5 SHIPS SUNK

The public message state to-day that the S.S. Zaffra has been torpedoed by the Huns. She was a fine ship, a general freighter, owned by C. T. Bowring & Co. of London, and this is the 5th ship owned by the firm to be destroyed by the Germans since war began.

THE NICKEL

The Nickel has another very interesting and attractive programme for to-day. There is a beautiful four-part drama by the Kalem Co., entitled "Don Caesar De Bazar" featuring the Broadway favourites. It is a story of old Madrid which will please all. "The Gold Dust and the Squaw" is a Western drama splendidly acted by the Selig Co. "A Disciple of Plato" is a comedy by the Vitagraph Co. There is also a comedy by the Keystone Company entitled "Those Bitter Sweats." All lovers of the movies should make an effort to attend to-day's performance.

MADE 6 ARRESTS

The police Saturday evening and night made 6 arrests, all for drunkenness. Two of the prisoners were men from nearby outports found drunk in charge of a horse each.

FROM THE GULF.

Messages to Bowring Bros. from the Gulf say that the Viking has 6,200 seals on board and is driving south. The Ranger, we hear, lost about 60 pans of her seals, and has only 2,000 on board.

Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed in an action wherein GEORGE M. BARR is Plaintiff and JOSEPH DELANEY is Defendant, I will sell by public auction in the Court House in St. John's on Wednesday, the 19th day of April, A.D. 1916, at noon, all the estate, right and title of the said Joseph Delaney in and to the fishing schooner "CONSTELLATION" of about nineteen tons burthen now lying at the wharf of George M. Barr. For conditions of sale and further particulars, apply to

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Would Invite Hon. M. P. Gibbs to Attend in the Interests of Our City Labourers—Says Mr. McGrath is 'Better Clear of the Commission—If New Charter Passes it Means a Cut in the Daily Wage—Immediate Action is Necessary to Defeat This Obnoxious New Charter

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Before this obnoxious City Charter goes any further kindly permit me through The Mail and Advocate to offer a suggestion or two to the workmen of the city. First let me say that this matter should be taken up by all the societies in the city where a majority of the membership is composed of wage earners. Such as the British, Mechanics, Star of the Sea and T. A. & B. Societies.

The Trade Union Officers should hold a joint meeting in one of the halls and invite Hon. M. P. Gibbs to attend it. After one or two such meetings they could arrange for a mass meeting of all the Unions, or better still perhaps, a meeting of all working men, organized and unorganized. Next and above all, the services of Hon. Mr. Gibbs must be secured, if possible for no other man in the city (except Mr. Coaker) understands or cares for the needs of the working man like Mr. Gibbs. Along with that he understands all the objectionable sections in this new charter. He also understands the city government, what it is able to do and what would be best for ALL.

Mr. Jas. McGrath, President of the L. S. P. U., is a fine fellow and a A-1 Union-man, no better can be found. But he is out of place on that commission and should resign immediately. I can not under stand why he sat with that bunch so long. He can do no good there, and I don't want to think, nor do I want anyone else to think, that he would be a party to anything against the interests of the poor working man. So he is better out of it right from this day, and when the proper time comes Jim will be sent to the City Hall in company with better men than is there now.

So come Messrs Union Officers, bestir yourselves this week. As you have no Labour Council now it is up to you. The work will be light, all you will have to do is to start the ball rolling and you will have all the assistance necessary. Remember what you are banded together for, the betterment of your conditions, and remember that if this thing passes it means a CUT in your daily wage, so act quickly.

Yours very truly, AN OLD UNION MAN, St. John's, April 10, 1916.

OBITUARY

MISS MINNIE DALTON Mrs. P. C. O'Driscoll yesterday received the sad information that her sister, Miss Minnie Dalton, had passed away at Aron, Mass., U. S. A. Miss Dalton's death occurred on Tuesday last and will be heard with regret by many friends here who knew and esteemed her. To Mrs. O'Driscoll and the other relatives in St. John's The Mail and Advocate extends its condolence.

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