

WHEN CLASS "A" GAVE THANKS.

By LUCY COPINGER.

Connected with the Teachers' Institute, under whose guidance Miss Lucy still continued, there was a sort of post-graduate club, small in its numbers and snobbish in its attitude. This club was, as it were, the inner circle of teachers, and from its superior heights its members could afford to turn up their pedagogical noses and stick out their pedagogical tongues at their less favored sisters. It was known as the Society of Scholastic Sociology, which, high-sounding title was, however, perverted by envious outsiders into the Society of Spinster Socialists. Miss Lucy and her frivoli companions had been among these irreverent scoffers until the time came when Miss Lucy herself was invited to aspire to its membership. She then took to speaking in rhetorical periods only, and to snubbing her former associates.

The requirements for admission to this society were few but rigorous. The candidate wrote a thesis upon some problem of school life, and was then visited by a committee of three, who listened to the working out of the problem. With her usual cheerful conceit, Miss Lucy had scorned the humbler phases of her work, and had taken for her subject "A Teacher's Influence Upon the Moral Tone of Her Class." A week before Thanksgiving she received notice that the committee of three would visit her.

The next morning Miss Lucy, clothed in a foolish confidence and her very best white shirt-waist, stood before Class A, while in the back of the room sat judiciously the dread committee, made up of the principal, the supervisor, and a visiting teacher—a long, thin, spectacled person whom Miss Lucy in her unregenerate days would have designated as one of the Sour Spinners, but whom she now viewed with the reverence given to a high priestess in the ranks of Scholastic Sociology. Miss Lucy had taken for her sub-topic "Why We Give Thanks," and, fortified by a few wafers, she swallowed the lump in her throat and began.

"Children," she said smilingly, "I want to talk to you a little about a holiday we are going to have soon. Who knows what it is? Herman?"

"Holler Eve," said Herman.

"Oh, no, Herman, not Holler Eve," said Miss Lucy. "It is Thanksgiving. And now who can tell me what Thanksgiving means? What do we do then? Sophie?"

"Miss Lucy," began Sophie Bauer-schmidt, "every year we have a party with beer, and my father gets drunk, and my mother says he ain't nothing but a gizzer, and my father says, 'Go to the devil!'"

In these heart to heart talks her class Miss Lucy allowed a certain freedom from expression, but at the disclosure of this exchange of cannibal compliments she looked shocked.

"Yes, Sophie dear," she began, but the talkative Sophie was not so easily checked.

"And, Miss Lucy," she continued, "my sister's got a beau, but my mother says he ain't nothing but a klesnig-bug."

At this Miss Lucy looked apprehensively at the committee. The principal was shamelessly amused, but the supervisor, a correct gentleman, looked pained, and the blush of outraged modesty was rising upon the spinster cheek of the visiting teacher.

"That will do, Sophie, said Miss Lucy severely; 'you are not telling me what I asked you at all. Children, some of you may surely tell me what Thanksgiving means! Anna, what do we do then?'"

Anna Karenina, in her seat at the foot of the class, had been sitting in the scornful silence that she always opposed to these attempts of Miss Lucy to uplift her moral tone. Even this obvious appeal did not affect her.

"Nothin'," she said rudely.

At these repeated refusals to respond to her questions a suspicion was growing upon Miss Lucy that as a subject of scholastic sociology, she was beginning to show flaming signals of distress, but she kept bravely on.

"Oh, yes, Anna, surely you can think of something you do on Thanksgiving."

"Nothin'," repeated Anna blankly. Having thus spoken, she withdrew herself from further discussion by sulkily putting her head down on her desk.

Just at this moment an inspiration seized Bum O'Reilly. His quick Irish head told him that there was some especial answer desired by Miss Lucy. He remembered that she had always shown an interest in the numerous and frequent additions to his family.

"We got a baby last Thanksgiving," he volunteered obligingly, "but we ain't got to give none this year."

At this point Miss Lucy, without even daring to look at the committee, hastily interrupted.

"Yes, yes, James," she said; "but what is it you and all of us should do every day, but more than ever on Thanksgiving Day?"

"You should clean your teeth and wash yourself all over," said Josef Burschky, whose weak mind was wandering back to the Cleanliness Talk of the day before.

At last, "We give thanks," said the correct Marie Schaefer, the only member of Class A who knew anything. Thus having laboriously extracted the desired answer, Miss Lucy took fresh heart, and her smile grew a little less glazed, her spiritlessness a little less painful.

"Yes, we give thanks," she said; "that is what we should do on Thanksgiving Day. And now who can be very nice and smart and tell me to whom we give thanks?"

Bum, who attended Mass as regularly as he got into trouble, answered this promptly.

"The blessed Virgin Mary and all the holy saints," he said reverently.

"Miss Lucy, it ain't so!" he suddenly and indignantly cried Sophie. "Don't you believe him. I go to Luthurum Sunday school, and there ain't nobody but God and Martin Luthurum, and my mother says Bum O'Reilly worships tools."

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Hans Vischer Writes of an Exciting Trip.

On One Occasion He Prevented Serious Trouble by Placing Himself in Grave Danger.

CAIRO, Dec. 8.—Interesting letters have just been received from Mr. Hans Vischer, British resident at Kuka, Lake Chad, who is now undertaking a dangerous journey through the forbidden hinterland of Tripoli across the Great Sahara to Lake Chad.

Describing his journey Mr. Vischer writes:—"Until the members of the caravan got to know each other there was a continual trouble between Arabs and natives. Among my people were fourteen Mughril camel boys, the worst Arab tribe, all armed to the teeth. The Arabs and the negroes hated each other with the bitter hatred of the slave for the slave-trader. Here in the mountains we had a hard time. A dispute arose with an Arab and this was regarded by the negroes as a great opportunity and all arms were got out. As both parties were preparing to fight I sprang between them, unarmed, and shouted to them to fire. The rush was successful, but it was some time before quiet was restored."

"In the mountains of Gharlan I found to my astonishment people living in subterranean dwellings. Through entrance yards long and one broad we came upon a great court yard which was in reality a great hole open to the sky. Upon this all the rooms and stables converge. The rooms were very dark, there were no windows, but the most absolute cleanliness prevailed. Round the courtyard runs a wall which protects the dwelling underneath."

"I made some interesting observations in the desert. The difference between the night and the day temperature is always at least twenty degrees (Celsius). Beyond Gharlan the ground rises up to the hills where fig and olive groves are among Roman ruins and underground villages."

PRESIDENT CASTRO DYING; REVOLUTION UNDER WAY

PORT DE FRANCE, Mart, Dec. 9.—Reliable advice received here from Venezuela sets forth that President Castro was moved down to the little seacoast village of Macuto, near La Guayra, last Monday. The president is described as being very ill. He made the trip from Caracas in a bed. When he arrived at Macuto he looked more like a corpse than a live man and appeared to be absolutely unconscious.

It is said he believed that he has no chance of living.

Violently worded posters have been pasted on the walls of Caracas, and it is today decided regarding the gravity of President Castro's illness and indicating the movement of the vice-president, as is provided for in the constitution, that the government matters have been attended to in the absence of the president.

General Pargades, an ex-revolutionary now in exile, is organizing a movement and declares that he will soon take the field. He claims to have 15,000 rifles at his disposal.

FIRE CAUSES \$60,000 LOSS IN NEW GLASGOW

Three Stores Burned Out Yesterday Mornins Insurance Inadequate to Cover Loss

NEW GLASGOW, Dec. 9.—During the thermometer hovered near the zero mark, the fire department was called out to fight a fire, before of more hurried itself out, destroyed the block at the corner of Forth and Provost streets, the principal business places of three of the principal merchants were in ruins. The loss in property and stock is variously estimated, but it is thought that it will reach \$60,000.

Fire started at four o'clock this morning, when a high wind, which almost reached the proportions of a gale, was blowing. The department was quickly on the scene and everything that was possible was done to save the buildings.

The block contained the business places of Grant Bros., druggists; Carver Bros., druggists, and A. F. McCulloch, two stores, dry goods. The block was owned by the estate of the late Wm. Chisholm, and the apartments were occupied by Dr. Garfield McDonald's dental parlors. A warehouse at back of Carver's was also burned.

Fire was practically under control at five o'clock, an hour after it started, and it was out about seven o'clock in the morning.

The firemen worked hard to save buildings in their proximity and were successful in their efforts. The value of the Chisholm portion of the building was \$50,000. Carver Bros.' stock was valued at \$7,500, and Grant Bros.' stock at \$10,000. Grant Bros. had about \$2,500 and Carver Bros. about \$2,000 in insurance. McCulloch's stock is valued at from \$35,000 to \$40,000, and the insurance covers about one-third of the amount.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 7.—Count Witte, the former Premier of Russia, who recently returned from abroad, was received in audience by the Emperor today. The Count's reception has been delayed on account of his ill health.

RAILWAY REBATE EVIL BEING STAMPED OUT

Commissioner Garfield Reports Good Work Done—Standard Oil Method Scored

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The annual report of Commissioner of Corporations Jas. H. Garfield, made public today, devotes special attention to the investigations of the transportation of oil and the operations of the Standard Oil Company.

"During the investigation of the oil industry," says the report, "it was discovered that a very widespread system of railway discrimination existed in favor of the Standard Oil Company, affecting a very large proportion of the country and resulting substantially in giving to the Standard Oil Company an overwhelming advantage in transportation in almost all sections of the country; that this system has been in existence for a number of years, and that largely by virtue of it the Standard had been able to restrict or eliminate competition throughout many parts of the country, and thereafter reap the benefits of monopoly."

"These railway discriminations took various forms, often very ingenious in their nature, and so skillfully concealed that their existence was very rarely suspected even by the active competitors of the Standard, although such competitors knew that in general they were doing business at a disadvantage."

"During the fiscal year indictments containing 8,193 counts were returned by the various grand juries, as the result of this investigation."

"A most striking and important result immediately followed the investigation of the bureau, the railroads cancelled subsequently all the secret rates, illegal or improper discriminations, and in many cases the discriminations in open rates. The shippers of oil advised the bureau that for the first time in many years they are now rapidly obtaining equality of treatment from the transportation companies."

"Work on the other phases of the oil industry, and the investigation of the tobacco, sugar, steel and coal industries are well advanced; special reports thereon will be made in due course. An inquiry into the canal water transportation has been started."

Commissioner Garfield urges again the necessity for the establishment of federal inspection and supervision of the greater industrial corporations engaged in interstate and foreign commerce. He says it will not interfere with the power and authority of the states over the corporations created by state laws and is not an invasion of private rights, but merely will "restore individual responsibility and prevent the corporations from being the hiding place for irresponsible dishonesty of corrupt managers."

Denial of the right to engage in interstate commerce is suggested as the penalty for proved violation of the law. The report says the work of the year strikingly demonstrates the value of efficient publicity for the correction of corporate abuses.

SCOW LOADED WITH SCRAP IRON SANK

Accident Happened at I.C.R. Pier—An Effort Will be Made to Raise It

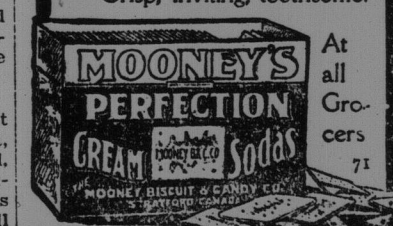
A scow loaded with scrap iron sunk at the I. C. R. pier early yesterday morning. The scow was moored to the str. Sarmatian, from which vessel the iron had been discharged. The nightwatchman in charge of the scow had gone on board the steamer to get a cup of coffee. He says he was away for five or ten minutes, and on coming on deck he was told that the scow had sunk. It is thought the plug in the end of the scow was forced out by the tide, and water coming in filled the scow, which, weighted with the iron, broke the lines and sunk.

There were several tons of scrap iron in the scow, consigned to the Portland Rolling Mills. President Bruckhoff of the Portland Rolling Mills, who is in the city, said that an effort would be made today to raise the scow. He said that a similar accident occurred some years ago, and that the scow, on being raised, broke apart. He thinks this scow will be raised, however, as it is a strong one.

It was reported that the str. Sarmatian scraped against the scow on leaving the dock yesterday.

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No. 13—Express from Montreal, Quebec and Pt. du Chene... 13.45
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SHIP ONLY WAY TO THE POLE SAYS WALTER WELLMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Walter Wellman, who Thursday sailed for France on the Loraine, of the French line, to superintend the reconstruction of his airship, this morning, said his respects to Robert E. Peary, who, he had understood, had criticised the attempt to be made by Mr. Wellman and his associate to reach the pole by balloon.

"I see that Mr. Peary says he has no time to spare for Arctic research and exploration," said Mr. Wellman. "Well, that makes no difference to me, and personally I have no faith in sledging parties, the method so far used in the search for the pole. It is not unnatural to have small faith in another man's schemes, but in this case I know something about sledging and Mr. Peary, so far as I am advised, is an authority on sledging and knows nothing about airships. I have formed my opinion of sledging by practical experience."

"I shall return here next spring and sail for the base of my expedition in Svalbergen in April, there to complete all arrangements. The start for the pole will be made at the latter end of August."

CRAZY MINER RUNS AMUCK

JACKSON, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Elmer McNeal, a demented coal miner, armed with two revolvers, today shot indiscriminately at passengers in a crowded trolley car, instantly killing Harry White, probably mortally wounding J. D. Vanatta of Newark, Ohio, and severely wounding J. E. Kinnison, superintendent of public schools of Jackson. McNeal was finally thrown through the car window. Reloading his pistol, he came to the city, pursued by officers and citizens, who shot him through the head, mortally wounding him after a running fight. He was not known to any of the victims.

STARVATION AND RIOTS IN RUSSIA

LODZ, Russian Poland, Dec. 9.—By the recent closing down of factories here 20,000 persons are without food, demonstrations by lawless persons are increasing, and the feud between the nationalist and socialist laborers is being renewed. Laborers for the past two days have killed five nationalists and wounded fifteen.

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