

Helping To Patch Up Mouthpiece of People



WM. HOTCHKISS, Quizzing Insurance Men.

New York, April 12.—Here stands Wm. H. Hotchkiss, state superintendent of insurance, friend of Gov. Hughes, strong, reliable and scowling at a table.

Before him come presidents of fire insurance companies. They're mostly gray-headed. They sit in a chair before him and first look at him and then worried. He asks them many questions, such as "Where did this money go? Why did you give this check to so-and-so? How many lawyers did you have at Albany? Did you know that money was to be used in influencing legislation?"

What is Hotchkiss doing? Just grilling fire insurance presidents?

No; this isn't his chief object. He's doing his part in patching up the leaky megaphone of the people. Suppose he sends half a dozen company presidents to jail?

That won't be the real work he hopes to do.

Or suppose half a dozen legislators who have taken bribes go to cells? Only incidental; only a little part of the big job he has in mind.

A New One.

The big thing he seeks is to help patch on the leaky megaphone through which the people speak—or, perhaps better—help them get a new one.

He had just finished grilling several fire insurance presidents when I had a talk with him.

"If all of this falls," he said, "nevertheless it will have had its part in teaching the people that their lawmakers must be kept safe from bribers. And that's the big thing."

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DUKE OF TECK Succeeds in OLD GUILD

Joins Needlemakers Union Which Dates Back to Cromwell's Day—Has Unique and Interesting History

London, April 12.—One of the smallest and least known, yet one of the most interesting, of the London city livery companies, the Needlemakers, has just come into public notice by reason of the statement that the Duke of Teck, following the example of his father, will shortly become a member of this little known guild.

Now, the Needlemakers may have little enough to do with the making of needles at the present day, but not so very long ago, when needles cost more than a penny a packet, the company had plenty to do in looking after the interests of both those who made needles and those who bought and used them. They sit in a chair before him and first look at him and then worried. He asks them many questions, such as "Where did this money go? Why did you give this check to so-and-so? How many lawyers did you have at Albany? Did you know that money was to be used in influencing legislation?"

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KING LIDI JEASSU.

The new king of Abyssinia, Lidi Jeassu, claims to be a direct descendant from the all-wise Solomon by the queen of Sheba, through his grandfather, the late King Menelik. The young ruler is 14, and was married less than a year ago to the year-old granddaughter of Menelik's predecessor.

WILL PROBE OCEAN DEPTHS

Sir John Murray of Challenger Fame Heading a Scientific Expedition—Has Special Dredging Apparatus.

London, April 12.—An interesting departure from London last week was Sir John Murray, K. C. B., the well-known naturalist, as the head of an expedition for biological and physiological examination in the North Atlantic.

Sir John, who is nearly 70 years old, is equally well known in America as here as the naturalist of the Challenger expedition of 1872-1876. Just prior to sailing he received your correspondent, giving a brief outline of the objects of his expedition. He has chartered the Norwegian vessel Michael Sars, which is entirely manned by Norwegian sailors. He expects to be away four months. He said:

"Although I know a good deal about the depths of the Atlantic Ocean, its currents and its inhabitants, there is an enormous field still unexplored. My expedition was undertaken with the idea of increasing this knowledge. Much is still to be learned in the deep sea. I hope that the expedition will add something to our knowledge in this respect."

From Plymouth.

"We shall sail from Plymouth on Thursday and begin dredging immediately. By Friday I expect to be 100 miles south of Ireland. I shall run along the coast of Spain to Gibraltar, then along the coast of Africa to the Cape Verde Islands and the Azores, thence to St. John's Newfoundland, and to Iceland, and come back to Scotland by the middle of August."

"I shall make observations all the way. I have special dredging apparatus and hope to explore the sea at a depth of 15,000 feet. There are four deep places in the North Atlantic over three and one-half geographical miles deep, while in one spot north of the Virgin Isles, the depth is four and one-half miles which is so far unexplored."

"The present expedition is more in the nature of a tryout for my new apparatus, which, if successful, will lead to a second and much larger one being fitted out with new nets by which it will be possible to get animals which have hitherto been unobtainable. I am trying a net similar to those used in shallow water, which can be let down 500 fathoms, opened, and dragged any distance required, and then closed, thus possibly obtaining animals that never rise above that distance. I also have a new kind of water bottle for the purpose of obtaining samples of water at various depths."

"The reason for taking a Norwegian crew is that all are trained men, whereas English or American seamen take months to train in this particular kind of work."

Sir John is a warm admirer of Commander Peary, who, he said, had a much more difficult job in reaching the North Pole than any explorer should have in reaching the South Pole, the reason being, according to Sir John, that it is much easier to see that preparations are being made to give him a great reception.

Anything conducive to cement the friendship of the two great Anglo-Saxon nations is an immense benefit to the whole civilized world," he said, "for the time will come when the English-speaking races of the West will have to combine together against the people of the East, and the sooner we prepare for this the better."

ADRIFT ON SINKING RAFT

Perilous Adventure of Three Boys Who Set Out on Long Island Sound on Water-logged Pontoon.

Stamford, Conn., April 10.—Adrift on Long Island Sound, three boys by eight pontoon, water-logged and sinking, the wind blowing a gale from the northwest and waves breaking over them in continuous succession, Carl Rauch and Donald Koehal, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Ralph Hoffnagle, of Boston, students at Minor Preparatory school, at Shilpan Point, had an experience here this morning that they will not soon forget.

They were two miles off shore, and the pontoon was almost under the water, when the tug May picked them up. The gale had blown them out from a cove opposite Manor School.

James G. Phelps Stokes and Gustavus Meyers, the author and socialist lecturer, who was Mr. Stokes' guest at Caritas Island, put out in a rowboat to rescue the lads, but they had to give it up, after battling with the wind and waves for half an hour. Motor boats were also sent by the police, but the May was first to reach the drifting pontoon.

Koehal is the youngest of the boys, fifteen years old, and cannot swim. Rauch and Hoffnagle are seventeen and both are good swimmers. There is a Moorish head in the boat, and the boys had plenty of chance to leave the raft and swim ashore, but they would not desert Koehal.

When the pontoon was a mile off shore, sinking gradually and helplessly in sight, Koehal gave up hope and, losing his head, tried to jump overboard. "I have got to die," he cried. "I have been thinking of this for some time."

Rauch and Hoffnagle restrained him and compelled him to lie on the raft while they took turns wading a sign of distress for the boys.

Aside from a drenching the boys did not suffer any ill effects. Members of the May's crew said that they were in no little danger because the pontoon—one that had lain untroubled for eight months—was almost full of water and would probably have sunk to the surface in a little while. Then it had been drifted for the boys to hang on, owing to the rough water.

SLASHES HER RIVAL AT LOVE FEAST

Young Woman and Man Are Named Polite, but Blade Unpolitely Used Spoils Everything.

New York, N. Y., April 12.—Sundering from the well-matched but embarrassing attentions of two young women, Louis Polite, a waiter, decided to end it all last night by giving a little party at which he and the young women might sit down in peace and concord and arise to meet no more. In order that the feast might be seemly he resolved to send his dinner himself and to choose an appropriate moment as the time to tell his guests that he and they must henceforth travel by different paths.

Although unnoted to the diplomatic waiter, each of the young women is named Polite. Mary of that name, lives at No. 347 West Thirty-seventh street, Rosie dwells at No. 241 West Sixth street. Both are in their first years. Summoned in their spring frocks, they assembled with Louis at the feast held at No. 241 West Sixth street. It was to be a party of five, including the waiter, a peace conference, a feast of reason and a flow of soul, and so far as he was concerned, it was to culminate in a quick getaway.

The presence of the rivals did not stir the waiter from his professional calm. He served airy perforce and broiled chicken impartially. Chuckling at one of his own sallies, the waiter did not notice that Rosie, overcome by her feelings had unsheathed a razor. He could not help noting Rosie as she slashed Mary in the right arm with the weapon, which is not worn at the more conventional dinner parties of this season.

With the dessert came the police. Rosie was locked up at the West Sixty-eighth street station, charged with the felonious assault. Mary's wounds were dressed by an ambulance surgeon and Louis was left amid the ruins of his feast to reflect that with two young women in the cast of characters one never can tell.

ENGLAND ACTS UPON YANKEE NAVAL WIT

British Sea Lords Adopt American Principle in Dreadnought Construction—Other Nations May Follow.

Washington, April 12.—The launching of the Colossus, England's ninth Dreadnought, calls attention to the fact that every now and then the countries of Europe can and do learn something from the American naval constructors. The Colossus is the first British battleship to have her big guns so arranged as to be able to fire them all on either broadside. This means that the gun turrets are on a straight line running fore and aft and is the cardinal principle of the solution of the gunfire problem on all American Dreadnoughts.

So many are the advantages of fighting at sea with guns of only one calibre that the whole world has been quick to follow England's example in building ships designed for that purpose. England and Argentina have already decided to accept America's amendment to the original Dreadnought model. Other nations probably will follow. In Brazil's Minas Geraes, delivered only a few weeks ago, and her Sao Paulo, not nearly completed, it is probably too late to make a change. On neither vessel can be used in broadside fire.

WEALTH A MYTH SHE SUES HUSBAND

Mrs. Norman de Coudray Tronson Asks Annulment of Her Romantic Marriage to an Army Officer.

New York, April 12.—Charging that before their marriage her husband misrepresented his financial condition to her and that he has failed to contribute to her support except at rare intervals and in amounts wholly insufficient for her needs, Mrs. Norman de Coudray Tronson has begun action for annulment of her marriage, and the case will be placed on the trial calendar this week.

Mrs. Tronson was Miss Lou Evelyn Romaine, a descendant of Philip Romaine, who came to this country on the sailing ship with Peter Stuyvesant. Her father was Frank H. Romaine, and it was he who built the old Roman Catholic chapel, afterward known as the Dutch Reformed Church, which stood in Ann street, until 1905, when it was torn down.

Her husband was an English army officer, and they met in India under romantic circumstances. He was stationed there with his regiment, and she was travelling, when she was taken ill. She was taken to his house for medical treatment, and there it was discovered that the respective families were old friends.

Miss Romaine remained in India for some time and a courtship followed which resulted in their engagement and subsequent marriage in London. That was about two years ago.

Mrs. Tronson now alleges that her husband represented to her that he had wealth, which subsequently proved to be mythical.

In the papers, which were prepared by Abraham C. Fisher of No. 1 Park row, Mrs. Tronson says her husband has accepted service in her action by publication. He is now living in London with his family and is, she says, a chronic invalid without hope of ever being able to provide support for her. She asserts that ever since her marriage she has been earning a living for herself by painting miniatures and delivering lectures on Egyptian art.

She went to Detroit last Monday and made a systematic search, which resulted this morning in a meeting with her brother and sister. When he grew tired of ranch life he ran away from his uncle, made his way to Detroit, where he has since been working. He was married last June.

SAW LOST BROTHER IN MOVING PICTURE

He Appeared as a Baseball 'Fan' and Mrs. Caruthers of Pittsburg Found Him in Detroit.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 12.—When Mrs. J. Elliott Caruthers, wife of a prosperous Washington, Pa., business man, came to this country with her parents and brothers and sisters nineteen years ago, her brother, then seventeen years of age, was taken to Boulder Col. by an uncle. Mrs. Caruthers settled in Pittsburg with her parents and shortly afterward was married to Mr. Caruthers. About fifteen years ago the brother, Wilfred Telford, mysteriously disappeared from his uncle's ranch in Colorado.

Mrs. Caruthers, with her husband, was sitting in a Pittsburg moving picture show one day last week, watching the pictures showing one of the world's series baseball games between Pittsburg and Detroit. She immediately recognized among the frenzied "fans" the face of her long lost brother. Mrs. Caruthers ascertained that the picture was taken during one of the games in Detroit.

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"JOE" MARTIN GIVES ENGLISHMEN POINTERS

London, April 12.—Joseph Martin, formerly Prime Minister of British Columbia, who is now member of parliament for East St. Pancras, told 3,000 Englishmen at the Whitefields Tubercle yesterday afternoon that English land ought to be taxed on the basis of what it could be sold for, as in Canada, and not as at present, on the basis of the rent.

He also said that hospitals ought to be supported by the state, so that the poor could obtain assistance as a right, and not be made paupers as now. Liquor licenses, Mr. Martin said, be

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UPPER BERTHS TO TUMBLE IN PRICE

Interstate Commerce Commission Decides That the Company is Making Too Much Profit—Concern to Fight.

Washington, April 12.—After an inquiry extending for more than a year the Interstate Commerce Commission has reached the conclusion by a divided vote that Pullman car rates are too high and has ordered the Pullman Company and the Great Northern Railway Company, which operates its own sleeping cars, to reduce the rates from Chicago to St. Paul and St. Paul to Seattle and other western points. On upper berths the commission orders a reduction of approximately 25 per cent. This is considered one of the most important decisions ever handed down by the commission, and while it is reached on a specific complaint by George S. Loftis, a commission merchant of St. Paul, against the Pullman Company and three other carriers, the inquiry was undertaken with the idea of looking into the entire Pullman rate situation. The commission gathered comprehensive statistics with reference to the earnings and capitalization of the Pullman Company, and a decision in this case will stand as a precedent in other proceedings.

The decision of the commission means, so it is said, that the Pullman Company will either voluntarily reduce its rates throughout the United States or fight the decision in the courts. It is expected that the company will do the latter course. For a long time after the enactment of the Hepburn act the Pullman Company complained the jurisdiction of the commission, and it is probable that the company before the last day of June, when the decision becomes effective, will take the matter into the courts.

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Mongton, N. B., April 12.—There passed away this morning one of the oldest residents of Mongton in the person of Mrs. Alexander MacAulay, aged seventy-one years. Deceased was born in Kent county and came to Mongton fifty years ago when the city was but a village. She leaves a husband, one daughter, three sons. Two brothers, George and James, reside in St. John.

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