GOSSIP OF THE HOTEL LOBBIES

STORIES OF HUMAN INTEREST FROM EVERYWHERE.

An Example of What a Man Can Do Who Has Ability and Ambition — Roosevelt and Hadley to Speak in Detroit—Taft Was Kind to Him—Cheap Shoes for Militia. Other Interviews.

"There is no telling to what station in life a man may reach if he has ability and tries to do the best that is in him," said the manager of one of the fashionable hotels in the city yesterday afternoon as he pointed to James P. A. O'Connor in the lobby of the Hotel Belvedere. Mr. O'Connor at one time was an elevator boy in the old Carrollton Hotel and today is manager if the Hotel Statler, the new $2,500,000 hotel in Cleveland, O.

"Mr. O'Connor has had one of the most successful careers of any hotel man in this country. He started as a cloak room boy. In six weeks he was promoted to elevator boy. He afterwards became manager of the Hotel Rennert and also the Hotel Stafford in this city. He is a man without hobbies, but he has one cordial hatred, and that is the ice-boxes and cold-storage plants."

"I believe that a large share of appendicitis," said Mr. O'Connor, "is caused by cold-storage food. Before the days of ice-boxes we never heard of appendicitis. When game or vegetables are out of season I maintain they are out of season. That is, I do not believe in freezing them and keeping them in a half-decomposed condition and serving them as delicacies. If you want to get me hopping mad all you have to do is to try advocate cold-storage goods to me."

Mr. O'Connor came to Baltimore to spend Easter with his family and friends. In the morning he called upon Manager Downs, of the Hotel Stafford.

Roosevelt and Hadley.

"Gov. Robert S. Hadley, of Missouri, the man who was closest to Colonel Roosevelt in the early days of the Chicago convention, will shortly speak in Detroit, Mich., to answer certain questions that Colonel Roosevelt will ask in a speech he will deliver a few days before that of Governor Hadley," said J. P. McComas, of St. Louis, Mo., at the Hotel Rennert yesterday.

"Roosevelt and Hadley stand for exactly the same things. The only difference between them is Hadley believes the best and surest and most practical way to get progressive legislation is through the Republican party, while Roosevelt believes the way to accomplish those ends is through the new party. It will be interesting to the people of Michigan to hear them tell their sides of it, and you can rest assured that Hadley will be abundantly able to take care of his end of the controversy. He is still a great admirer of Colonel Roosevelt as a great many of us are, but differs with him as to the methods."

Taft Was Kind to Him.

"There is one man in the United States Army who can look back upon the kindness shown him by William H. Taft when he was President of the United States," said Henry K. Ensor, a traveling man from Atlanta, Ga., yesterday at the Hotel Belvedere. "When Gen. Robert K. Evans leaves Kashington in August to attend the international rifle match, of which he has been named an executive officer, he will stop in Augusta, Ga., to pay his respects to ex-President Taft. The friendship of General Evans and Mr. Taft began in the Philippines, prior to the outbreak of hostilities there, when the latter, in company with Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, arrived during the McKinley administration to study local conditions and establish a provisional government.

"Captain Evans at that time happened to be in Manila and went on board the transport where the two distinguished Americans were waiting to land. He took them ashore and showed them over a part of the island in compliance with their expressed desire to be piloted about extensively.

"When Mr. Taft was elected President he remembered the good offices of Captain Evans and his ability as an army man and an executive officer. His promotion was rapid and in 1911 he became a brigadier general. The last official act of the ex-President that affected the General was to make him executive officer for the international matches, which will take him to the national capital on this occasion.

"Treatises by General Evans upon the effect of infantry fire in battle and other writings approved by the War Department were potent factors in this honor being conferred upon him."

Cheap Shoes for the Militia.

"Every man who is a member of the National Guards of the United States can now get shoes for $1.50 a pair," said a New York commercial traveler at the Hotel Emerson yesterday afternoon. "The plan for the militiamen to get the government shoes has already been adopted in some states. Members of the state militia throughout the United States are entitled to the privilege. The state pays $1.50 a pair for the shoes, and the men are allowed to purchase them at the same price from the state. Unfortunately, the shoes can only be be sold to men while they are on camp duty."

RUN OVER BY WAGON; DIES

John C. Dudrow, Injured Last Friday, Succumbs at Mercy.

John C. Dudrow, 66 years old, 950 North Washington street, who was knocked down by a wagon at Market Place and Water street, last Friday, died yesterday at the Mercy Hospital from his injuries.

It is said that Dudrow was crossing the street, when, because of the heavy traffic, he became confused. A wagon, driven by Charles Moeser, 124 West Cross street, and owned by John Mitchell, 1646 Ruxton avenue, Walbrook, ran the aged man down before the brakes could be applied. Dudrow suffered several broken ribs and was badly shocked. He was taken to the hospital in the Central district ambulance, but never rallied.

Coroner Chambers, of the Central district, will hold an inquest at the Central Police Station at 8 o'clock tonight to inquire into the death of Dudrow.

LAXATIVE FOR OLD PEOPLE--"CASCARETS"

What Glasses Are to Weak Eyes Cascarets Are to Weak Bowels—a 10-cent Box Will Truly Amaze You.

Most old people must give to the bowels some regular help, else they suffer from constipation. The condition is perfectly natural. It is just as natural as it is for old people to walk slowly. For age is never so active as youth. The muscles are less elastic. And the bowels are muscles.

So all old people need Cascarets. One might as well refuse to aid weak eyes with glasses as to neglect this gentle aid to weak bowels. The bowels must be kept active. This is important at all ages, but never so much as at fifty.

Age is not a time for harsh physics. Youth may occasionaly whip the bowels into activity. But a lash can't be used every day. What the bowels of the old need is a gentle and natural tonic. One that can be constantly used without harm. The only such tonic is Cascarets and they cost only 10 cents per box at any drug store. They work while you sleep.

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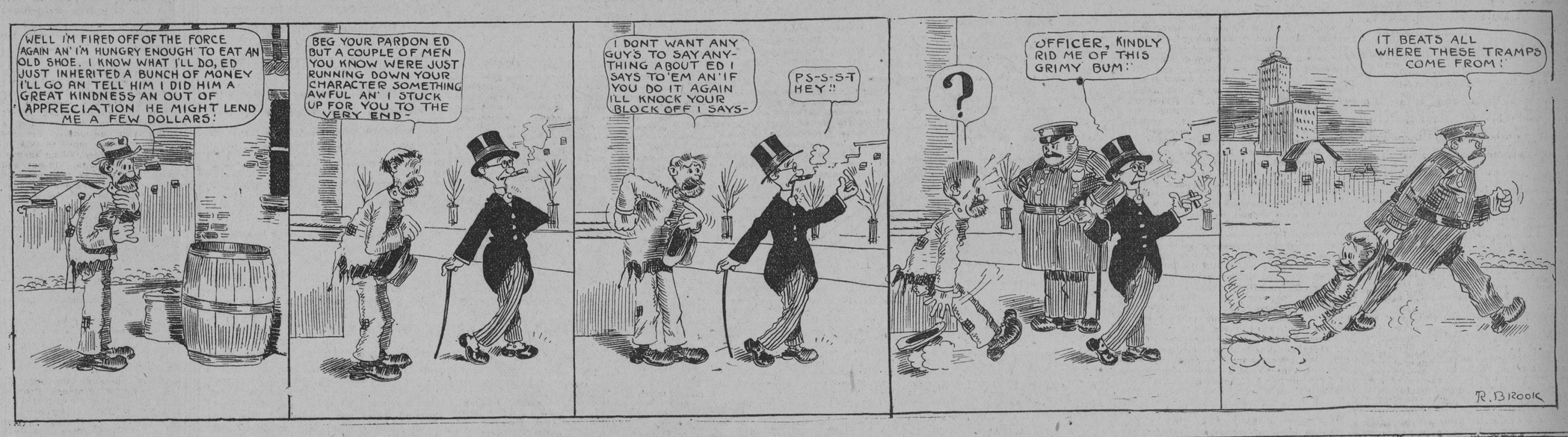

REV. T. G. KOONTZ RESIGNS

Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church to Go to Wheeling.

While hundreds of churches were celebrating the Easter festival, a tinge of sadness crept into the service of the Westminster Presbyterian Church yesterday morning, when the pastor, Rev. Thomas Grier Koontz, announced that he had tendered his resignation to the session of the church, following a call to the Second Presbyterian Church, of Wheeling, W. Va. A congregational meeting has been called for April 6, at which time the resignation of the pastor will be considered. If it is not accepted, a committee will be appointed to wait on the presbytery of the church. Following the 11 o'clock service, at which the announcement was made. Rev. Dr. Koontz was surrounded by a number of his parishioners and asked to again reconsider his determination to leave Westminster Church. Others in the congregation, thinking that the pastor was fully determined to accept the call, expressed their regret and assured him of their best wishes.

That the pastor might leave Westminster church had been surmised. His sermon on the Resurrection was listened to with rapt attention.

After the benediction, Rev. Dr. Koontz told his congregation that he had tendered his resignation as pastor of the church an hour previous to the service. The session met prior to the 11 o'clock service in the church and besides receiving the resignation of Rev. Dr. Koontz, also received applications from five adults for membership.

If the resignation of Rev. Dr. Koontz is accepted, Westminster will be the third Presbyterian church in the city to be without a pastor. The others are Babcock Memorial and Waverly. Rev. Dr. Koontz returned to the city only last week from a visit to Wheeling, where he had gone to look over the field. He expressed his regret to the members of the church yesterday morning, but other than to say that he was sorry to leave refused to discuss the matter.

STOLE TO BUY EASTER EGGS

Arrested in Purse-snatching Case, Lad Implicates Others.

Their heads barely visible above the desk in the Eastern Police Station, three lads, each 13 years old, were brought in yesterday morning by Sergeant Payne and Patrolmen Cole and Roesler. Edward B. Fuller, 3018 Dillon street, is charged with the larceny of a silver mesh bag containing $5, the property of Frances Steffan, 2222 Dillon street. John A. Fleischman, 2825 Hudson street, and John W. Mullaney, 2815 Hudson street, are each charged with receiving $1 in stolen money. They will be given a hearing before Judge Williams in the Juvenile Court this morning.

According to Miss Steffan, shortly after 9 o'clock Saturday night she was walking along O'Donnell street on her way to market. As she started into one of the grocery stores along this thoroughfare her purse was snatched from her arm. She turned suddenly and saw the three boys dashing down the street. She pursued them for a short distance, but they disappeared down a small side street. She managed to get a good description of the lads, however, and immediately reported the theft to the police. Sergeant Payne and Patrolmen Roesler and Cole were detailed on the case.

Yesterday morning the three officers learned that the Fuller boy was the one who had snatched the purse. Going to his house, Fuller, according to the police, admitted to them that he took the money because he wanted to buy some eggs, at the same time implicating Fleischman and Mullaney. Fuller stated that he gave the two other boys $1 each, and that he kept the remaining $3.

WOMAN BADLY BURNED

Mrs. Koellner's Husband Injured in Attempt to Save Her.

While dressing her daughter yesterday morning, Mrs. Lena Koellner, of 640 Roland avenue, was burned, probably fatally, when her clothing was ignited by flames from a Latrobe stove in the dining-room. She is now in the Maryland General Hospital in a critical condition.

The family was preparing for church services when the clothing of the woman caught fire. Hearing her screams her husband, Charles Koellner, rushed to her assistance and endeavored to extinguish the flames. He was badly burned about the hands. In the meantime an alarm was sounded and the fire was prevented from spreading to other parts of the house.

Dr. A. Shelly, of 3849 Roland avenue, was called, and, after dressing her burns, ordered her sent to the hospital.

To Hold Easter Tea.

The teachers of the Sunday school of Sherwood Protestant Episcopal Church, Cockeysville, will hold an Easter tea from 4 to 7 o'clock today.

An Excellent Exhibit.

The Baltimore Life Insurance Company, of Baltimore, Md., publishes in the advertising columns of today's paper the condition of the company for the year 1912. The total income for the year was $955,973.06. The total admitted assets are given as $2,284,050.69. The net reserve of the company is now over $1,896,230.00. The offices of the company are at the N. E. Cor. Charles and Saratoga streets. —Advertisement.

THE PEOPLE'S LETTER BOX

TOPICS DISCUSSED BY READERS OF THIS PAPER.

Blue-sky Legislation—A Financier Comments Upon the Governor of Indiana's Veto of the Harlan Bill. Legislation Aimed at Illegitimate Securities Must Not Harm Legitimate Business.

Letters designed for publication in this column must be indorsed with the name and address of the writer.
Anonymous communications will not be considered.
When the writer so prefers his name will not be published.
Letters should not exceed 500 words.

To the Editor: "Blue sky" legislation, aimed at the fraudulent dealer in illegitimate securities, but so drawn as to work hardship upon legitimate business, has received a setback by the action of Gov. S. M. Ralston, of Indiana, who has just reported his veto of Senate bill No. 10, known as the Harlan bill. This was passed by the Indiana legislature last Wednesday. As the legislature has adjourned, Indiana is to wait at least two years before a blue sky law is enacted. As a result of the veto Governor Ralston has announced that a commission of three men will be appointed to make a more comprehensive survey of the security situation and report a bill for 1915.

The Indiana legislature this year has, like most state bodies, contained proposed blue sky measures as a regular diet throughout the session just closed. After passing a Senate bill which was referred by the House to committee, the Harlan bill was brought forward as a compromise and was passed by the state legislature.

The passing of this bill, which was closely patterned after the original Kansas act and contained features alleged to be onerous to legitimate business, called out a strong, concerted action on the part of the Indiana Manufacturers' Association and Investment Bankers of Indiana.

The outgrowth of this was a hearing called by the Governor, who desired to give a liberal discussion to the bill, prior to his approval or rejection of it. In his veto message, which followed the hearing, Governor Ralston issued a declaration, stating that such a law was commendable in its intent to annihilate the schemer and illegitimate dealer, but that its means and methods put too great a hardship upon legitimate business. He expressed, likewise, a doubt with reference to the constitutionality of such a measure.

Governor Ralston was one of the many governors who in their campaign urged legislation against any vender of and dealer in fraudulent securities. His act of veto, accompanied by the provision for a commission to make a more deliberate analysis of the blue sky problem, is a precedent which it is believed will serve as a conservative check upon rash and ill-considered legislation in other states.

The opinion of Attorney General Honan to direct the action of Governor Ralston dealt with the features of the bill that were open to unconstitutionality. His report pointed out that the appointment of a state officer to pass upon securities opens up a field for dealers to vend their wares by misrepresenting them as indorsed by the commonwealth.

The death of the Harlan bill in Indiana in the hands of the Governor supplies in a practical way two general lessons to guide legislators who are bent on enacting some sort of blue sky law.

One is that the legitimate dealer must not be overlooked in the mad rush to stifle the illegitimate dealer. The attitude of Governor Ralston in appointing a commission of experts is a witness to this fact. The Indiana veto serves also to indicate that the various measures before other states, most of which are copied from the Kansas act, will have to undergo considerable overhauling before they come within the range of constitutionality. BANKER.

New York, March 23.

Mr. Taft for Hopkins.

To the Editor: The trustees of Johns Hopkins University should leave nothing undone to procure the services of Mr. Taft as president of the university. No man is better fitted for the position. Mr. Taft possesses all the qualities that one would like to find in the head of a great university. He has exceptional ability, a pleasing personality and is a most interesting speaker. Let's insist on Mr. Taft coming to Hopkins as its head. I believe that if the matter is presented to him in the proper light he will assent. ALUMNUS.

Baltimore, March 23.

Cleaning the Markets.

To the Editor: Through the columns of your paper I wish to make a public apology to William A. Larkins, head of the Street-cleaning Department of Baltimore, for holding him responsible for the unclean condition of the floors in the Lexington Market. The aisles of that market are, really, thoroughfares and should be, for that reason, under his supervision. Mr. Larkins says the market master is responsible. I withdraw the shaft that struck Mr. Larkins, and, fixing it with greater care in my bow, take better aim and let it fly at the market master. I hope it hits him.

Whether the market master or the head of the Street-cleaning Department is responsible is of minor consideration. The people of this city want the market cleaned at the proper time. If the market master cannot, or will not, do the work, then Mr. Larkins' generous offer to assume responsibility ought to be accepted. Mr. Larkins says he is "on the job" 16 hours every day and is proud of the work accomplished by his men. In saying he would gladly clean the markets, he plainly indicates that his ambition is leading him in the right direction. Give him a chance to make good. J. A. F.

Wasting Public Money.

To the Editor: When State's Attorney Donovan, of Howard county, in an address at Ellicott City, said that the officials of that county are not earning their salaries, he could have gone farther with strict truth by declaring that some of the positions which public officials occupy could be abolished without loss or inconvenience to the people. Mr. Donovan was speaking to the public schoolteachers. He told them they were earning their salaries, and more, too. They are paid less than the day laborer. He suggested a plan by which certain public funds, which are practically wasted, might be diverted to the salary list of the teachers without the necessity of increasing the tax rate. When, for instance, Howard county wants to borrow money, the commissioners pay 6 per cent. interest for its use. They could get the money in Baltimore city for 4 per cent.

It is a good thing to have a man in your county who is not afraid to tell the whole truth about the administration of public affairs. What Mr. Donovan says of Howard county can be said of all the counties in Maryland. The officials are not earning their salaries; money is wasted on the roads; people whose services are useless are kept in office; nearly every public servant, in fact, except the schoolteacher, is well paid. Robert E. Lee, of Baltimore, is endeavoring to organize a state league of municipalities. Why do not the farmers organize leagues in each county to see that the money they pay in taxes is not wasted? W. C. F.

Baltimore, March 21.

Married Women as Teachers.

To the Editor: A correspondent over the signature A Parent in Saturday's issue refers to the discussion at present claiming a large share of attention in New York, and objects to the practice of the Baltimore School Board in regarding the marriage of a woman teacher as equivalent to a resignation. She gives three reasons for permitting married teachers to teach in the schools. She is ignorant of the fact, apparently, that this condition in New York is against the judgment of the School Commissioners; that they are compelled by a decision of the court to make no distinction between married and unmarried teachers. I, for one, trust that it will be a long time before this practice is abrogated in Baltimore. There are three reasons why a married woman should not teach:

1. She should be supported entirely by her husband.

2. The requirements of teaching are so exacting that she cannot give sufficient attention to her duty in this if she is also charged with the responsibilities of a wife and mother.

3. As a teacher she cannot give necessary attention to her family.

A Parent does not mention the fact that the present debate in New York was precipitated by the request of a married teacher for one year's sick leave in order to become a mother. The statement, of the case, concludes the argument. A married woman's first duty is that of wife; second attention is something which has no great market value. If there are not sufficient qualified teachers the proper remedy is larger pay. PROF. SOSO BUTT.

A Reply to Dr. Finney.

To the Editor: Please allow me space in your columns for a few words in reply to Dr. Finney's attack on Christian Science. It should not startle anyone when attacks are hurled at a teaching which claims for a foundation the all and all of truth, and proves this by actual demonstration in healing all manner of diseases and sin. As the authentic cases of complete redemption are too numerous, we would need not go into detail to prove that Christian Science does heal. I will extend an invitation to Dr. Finney to attend any Wednesday evening service of a Christian Science church and investigate for himself. These meetings are called testimonial meetings, where praise and thanks are given to God by people healed through the healing efficacy of Christian Science.

If Christian Science is the all of truth why defend truth? Truth needs no defense, though wrong impressions need to be rectified.

At the time of the early Christian dispensation attacks of this nature were hurled at the followers of Jesus, who proclaimed their knew gospel by healing all manner of diseases.

"Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, held in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; and said unto them * * * And now I say unto you: Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if their counsel or their work be of men it will come to nought. But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. And to him they agreed."—Acts v.

Now I would like to ask Dr. Finney: Do you think you can understand or worship God aright if you have a sick body or mind? Surely not. Hence in Bible healing the sick man was first healed, then he glorified God. This was one of the reasons why Christianity became universal.

So in Christian Science, we are first healed, then and then only, are we able to understand truth. On page 496 of the Christian Science Textbook, by Mary Baker Eddy, can be found the tenets of the church. The first tenet reads: "As adherents of truth we take the inspired word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal life."

I do not know whether Dr. Finney is a believer and follower of Jesus Christ, if he is I would call his attention to one commandment of Jesus: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. * * * And these signs shall follow them that believe. In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."—St. Luke 16.

This was the healing method Jesus used and commended his followers to do likewise. And Jesus never took a course in any drug system nor in surgery.

Dr. Finney, there is yet one science you have to learn in order to be a successful healer of all deases, the science of Christianity, which Jesus left us as our rich legacy. Born in the Hebrew faith I had to become a Christian in order to learn this science. What are you willing to give up? HARRY LEVY, 630 Columbia avenue.

Socialism and Its Critics.

To the Editor: With all the strenuosity there is supposed to be among us there is with it an air of great dissatisfaction and uncertainty pervading society. The strenuosity exhibited is not, as many try to persuade themselves, an evidence of industrial prosperity except for the very few, but an evidence of the struggle of the masses to make wages cover the cost of living. The uncertainty is the uncertainty of getting a living and providing against misfortune and old age. The dissatisfaction is with conditions.

With the strenuously bitter struggle going on and with all the accompanying uncertainty and dissatisfaction there is, however, a single ray of hope. Were it not for this one ray the masses would be even now desperate and ready for violet revolution. This ray, due to a comparatively new influence that is entering their lives, is the one thing that deters and keeps them level-headed today. This new influence, or force, is Socialism, the legitimate but hated child of capitalism; and it is destined to become not alone a safety valve for society during the coming social revolution, but the power that rules the future social and industrial world. Capable and earnest men everywhere are devoting their time and energy to explaining Socialism and how best to effect the transition from capitalism to the co-operative commonwealth. These men are the once hated; now tolerated, and yet to be respected Socialists and the power that moves them is the dynamic power of liberty and justice.

We have others among us who, from pulpit and platform, hysterically preach condemnation of everything socialistic, hurling anathemas at any of their members who may have the temerity to dispute their dictatorship, and with solemn mein and pessimistic tone, tell us the awful consequences that must follow in the footsteps of Socialism. The first are zealous and have a purpose, so, too, the last are zealous and have a purpose. These purposes are, however, diametrically opposed. The purpose of the former is to direct this social force and to so educate the people that they may by and through the ballot free themselves from wage slavery and all its intolerable degrading conditions. The purpose of the latter, their sole object and aim, is not to correct abuses, but to destroy or nullify the work of the former. They are obstructionists pure and simple. Dogs in the manger, they neither eat nor allow others the privilege. They hear the cry of humanity, but offer no helping hand. They decry the work of others and command the masses to submit to divinely constituted authority. All the tactics of delay, honorable or dishonorable, are being used to hinder a cause they have not the foresight to see is invitable and bound to succeed; a movement which they will surely be swamped and from which they cannot rise with any hope of gratifying their inordinate ambition to rule.

This is their dilemma and their only hope is to stand pat, unregenerate, on the doomed capitalist system. They are fathers of a forlorn hope, and while peculiarly and carefully drilled in the use of every weapon of defense and attack, and in all the sophistry of deceit, the weakness of their position is plainly evidenced in the fact that without exception they attack not Socialism, but what they are pleased to call Socialism as taken from the private opinions of some of its exponents on such questions as marriage and religion. In desperation they grasp at straws, and now, discomfitted on the above questions, along comes another product of the opposition and at a venture frantically proposes to demolish in one fell-swoop the last vestige of the kindly relations and the mutual interdependence of the labor unions and the Socialists.

Undoubtedly there are some in the unions with Punch and Judy opinions who feel disposed to quarrel with Socialism, but it is self-evident that the only political friend the unions have is Socialism, that the two are reciprocal in most of their relations. F. B. LEE.

Baltimore, March 23.

Congressman Bartholdt Coming.

Congressman Richard Bartholdt, of Illinois, will address the Association of German Masons on Friday evening, April 11, at a meeting to be held at Claggett's Hall. An elaborate program is being arranged.

Massachusetts Mutual Life.

The sixty-first annual statement of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Springfield, Mass., published in another column, shows this company to be in excellent condition. Marked progress during the past ten years is recorded in every department. The premiums in Maryland in 1912 amounted to $155,715.71, and $35,000.00 was paid in losses. The assets of the company are over $69,525,950.00. The company is efficiently and economically managed. The new policy forms now being used are based upon premium rates scientifically adjusted, and from the company's sixty-one years of successful experience are made as low as is deemed safe. F. S. Biggs is manager of the Baltimore agency, suite 804 Continental Building. —Advertisement.

FOR SUCCESS OF 1914 CELEBRATION

BUSINESS MEN OF NORTHWEST BALTIMORE TO AID.

In a Letter to Mayor Preston the President Calls Attention to Action of His Association in 1908—Observance to Be An Event of International Importance—Committee Is Appointed.

The business, civic and improvement associations are falling in line behind the plans for The Star-spangled Banner celebration, which is to be held in Baltimore in September, 1914. Not a day passes that the Mayor does not receive some communication from an organization announcing its willingness to co-operate in making the celebration a success.

The Mayor received a lttter Saturday from Frederick Clement Weber, president of the Business Men's Association of Northwest Baltimore, who was one of the first Baltimoreans to approve of the suggestion of a Star-spangled Banner celebration made by The American several years ago. Mr. Weber also told the Mayor that a committee of three had been appointed to represent his association on the general committee.

Mr. Weber wants the celebration made an event of worldwide importance, and is of the opinion that Mayor Preston and his general committee will be able to carry out the plans. "We most heartily indorse," he wrote, "the movement to properly celebrate such an historical event in a manner that will reawaken and renew the patriotism within our bosom and give to posterity an object lesson of love for our country and the firesides of a free and intelligent people."

Mr. Weber's letter to the Mayor follows:

I wish to call your attention to the action of the Business Men's Association of Northwest Baltimore, back in 1908, when resolutions were unanimously adopted indorsing the movement for a Banner Exposition in 1914. The matter has always been a popular topic with us, and we stand ready now, as then, to do all we can towards its realization. Preceding the above action, I personally introduced resolutions in a sister organization, April 5, 1907 (see Baltimore American of April 6, 1907).

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Star-spangled Banner—that soul-stirring battle hymn of the republic, should mark an epoch in the history of Baltimore; because it was this grand old city that gave the famous Maryland Line to the Revolutionary War; that gave to General Ross his defeat in attempting to bring his British redcoats within our environments; that gave to the medical world such monuments in fighting disease as the University of Maryland and the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Knowing all this, and believing the time will be opportune for a demonstration of what we have been and what we will be, and desiring as an organization to aid with our influence and efforts the said Banner anniversary of the attempted entry of the British forces into our city in September, 1814, I, therefore, wish to transmit to you the association's readiness to co-operate in making the celebration a magnificent success, and that we most heartily indorse the movement to properly celebrate such an historical event in a manner that will reawaken and renew the patriotism within our bosom and give to posterity an object lesson of love for country and the firesides of a free and intelligent people.

The personnel of the association's committe is as follows: President, Frederick Clement Weber, chairman; vice president, E. Walter Giles, 1522 West Lafayette avenue; vice president, Henry A. Seim, Howard and Fayette streets.

NEW OPERA TONIGHT

Christie MacDonald Through Rehearsing Sweethearts.

The final dress rehearsal of Sweethearts, the new opera in which Christie MacDonald will appear at the first performance in the Academy of Music tonight, was held last night. Louis Werba and Mark A. Luescher, producers of the opera, had a number of guests, including Lillian Russell and her husband, of Pittsburgh; Harry B. Smith, Frank M. Ranger, Robert B. Smith and Frank C. Payne.

Tonight Victor G. Herbert will be here to conduct his own orchestra of 38 pieces. Mr. Erlanger, of Klaw & Erlanger, and other theatrical celebrities will also be at the initial performance. Judging by the way the company rehearsed last night, exceptionally hard training must have been in progress for some time. There was not a hitch in any of the scenes.

All those connected directly with the production expressed gratification and predicted that this will be even more successful than the Spring Maid, in which Miss MacDonald made such an enviable reputation. John McGhie is directing the dancing of Sweethearts. Mr. McGhie was for years dance director of the Mask and Wig Club, of Philadelphia.

SLOT MACHINES REMAIN

Police Still Keeping Close Watch at Southwestern.

Today a battle in the courts will be begun to ascertain whether or not the police must surrender to Frank Michal the 98 slot machines for which a writ of replevin was issued on Saturday by Chief Judge Henry D. Harlan, of the Supreme Bench, and which Deputy Sheriff Charles Kleinjohn served on Capt. Thos. B. McGee, commander of the Southwestern Station, where the machines are stored.

Morris A. Soper, president of the Board of Police Commissioners, declares the police had a perfect right to confiscate and hold the machines, while Harry B. Wolf, counsel for Michal, is of the opinion that the police are wrong and acted improperly in refusing to surrender the machines to the deputy sheriff on the writ of replevin. He said he is prepared to fight any effort on the part of the Police Commissioners to hold the gambling devices. Fearing that another attempt to take the machines by force would be made, Captain McGee has kept Sergeants George P. Louinger and Chas. H. Conley and Patrolmen Leo J. Steineman, Henry T. Jackson, Steinacker and others on constant watch over the machines. They are on the second floor of the station-house and all entrances to the floor are being carefully guarded.

MAKES PLEA FOR ZIONISTS

Nachum Sokolov Urges All Jews to Join Movement.

Every seat in the Maryland Theater was occupied last night when Nachum Sokolov, the Russian-Hebrew writer, made an appeal to Jews to become affiliated with the Zionist movement. Mr. Sokolov is one of the five members of the executive committee which directs the work of the Zionists in the world, and is making a tour through the United States.

His lecture was delivered in Yiddish. Starting in with a review of the life of the Jews since the early biblical times, the lecturer told of the persecution and survival of the race to the present day. The efforts to have this race once again established in its own country were explained. This is the chief object of the Zionists.

Mr. Sokolov arrived early in the afternoon and was met at Union Station by 75 local Zionists. He was given a most cordial reception at the theater when introduced by Dr. Harry Friedenwald.

Preceding the lecture there was a musical and literary program. A. Goldfuss gave a violin solo, Miss Jennie Freilchoff recited and 25 girls from the Talmud Torah School sang.

If He Is Determined to Race.

Tom Lipton might put an engine in the Shamrock IV. and enter it in the Marblehead motorboat races.—Washington Post.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU, Washington, March 23.

Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: For Maryland, New England, Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and District of Columbia, rain and warmer Monday; Tuesday, clearing and colder; high south winds.

For Virginia, showers and warmer Monday; Tuesday, fair and colder; brisk to high south winds.

For North and South Carolina, cloudy Monday, probably followed by local rains Monday night or Tuesday; brisk southeast winds.

For West Virginia, rain Monday; Tuesday, fair and much colder.

Weather Conditions and General Forecast: The Western storm has crossed the Rocky Mountains, and Sunday night its center was over Nebraska and moving toward the Great Lakes. It has been attended by shifting gales in the Great Central Valleys and the Plains States, heavy local rains and thunderstorms in the Ohio and Middle Mississippi Valleys and snow over the North States from Michigan westward to Montana.

Rains are also reported in the Pacific States.

Temperatures have risen decidedly in the Mississippi Valley and the districts east thereof and continue low in the Northwest, where another cold wave is forming.

Southwest storm warning, 10 P. M., Cape Henry to Eastport. Disturbance of marked intensity over the Upper Mississippi Valley, moving east. Winds will become high south Monday morning.

The winds along the New England Coast will be high south; along the Middle Atlantic Coast, brisk and high south and southwest; along the South Atlantic and East Gulf Coasts, brisk east to south; along the West Gulf Coast, brisk south; on Lake Michigan, shifting gales.

Steamers departing Monday for European ports will have southerly gales and rain to the Grand Banks.

The Western storm will advance rapidly East, attended by snow Monday in the Rocky Mountain Region, the North Plains States and the extreme Upper Mississippi Valley, and rains and thunder storms generally east of the Mississippi Valley and in the West Gulf States. It will be followed by decidedly colder weather Monday in the Middle Rocky Mountain Region, the Plains States and the Mississippi Valley, and Tuesday in the Lake Region, the Ohio Valley and the Gulf States, and by Tuesday night in the Atlantic States.

Shifting gales will attend this storm during its passage eastward to the St. Lawrence Valley. Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic Coast from Cape Henry to Eastport and on the West Gulf Coast, and cold-wave warnings have been ordered for the Plains States and the Middle and Upper Mississippi Valley.

Daily Report.

Custom-house, Baltimore, March 23.

Time.	Thermometer.	Relative Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Precipitation.	State of Weather.
8 A. M.	38	73	NE.	8	...	P. Cloudy
8 P. M.	52	66	S.	10	...	Cloudy

Normal temperature 44 | Highest temperature... 54
Mean temperature.. 45 | Lowest temperature.... 36

Maximum velocity of the wind, 15 miles an hour, from the south.

Record of Temperature.

The following table gives the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock tonight for the past 24 hours at the following named stations:

Atlantic City, cloudy	34	Montgomery, pt. cldy.	62
Bismarck, snow	20	Montreal, cloudy	22
Buffalo, cloudy	24	Nantucket, cloudy	32
Boston, cloudy	30	New Orleans, pt. cldy.	66
Cherleston, pt. cldy	58	New York, cloudy	28
Chicago, rain	32	Oklahoma, clear	54
Cleveland, rain	28	Pittsburgh, cloudy	32
Corpus Christi, cldy.	68	Philadelphia, cloudy	32
Denver, clear	24	Portland, Me., cloudy	26
Detroit, rain	28	Portland, Ore., p.cldy.	34
Duluth, rain	18	Providence, cloudy	26
Eastport, clear	20	Quebec, cloudy	24
Galveston, cloudy	64	Raleigh, clear	40
Green Bay, cloudy	22	Salt Lake City, p. cly.	50
Hatteras, cloudy	50	San Francisco, p. cly.	44
Havre, snow	2	St. Louis, rain	38
Helena, cloudy	6	St. Paul, rain	24
Jacksonville, clear	64	Scranton, cloudy	24
Kansas City, cloudy	44	Shreveport, cloudy	60
Knoxville, clear	44	Spokane, cloudy	30
Louisville, cloudy	40	Tampa, clear	68
Marquette, snow	22	Washington, cloudy	32
Memphis, cloudy	54	Winnipeg, cloudy	*2

*Below zero.

Almanac for Today.

Sun Rises.....6:10 A. M | Sun Sets.....6:21 P. M.
Moon Rises.....9:37 P. M.

HIGH WATER.

8:05 A. M.....1.5 Feet | 8:25 P. M.....0.9 foot

[Calculations Expressed in Eastern Standard Time.]

LARGER SHIPS TO COME HERE

BIG THING FOR CITY, SAYS BERNARD N. BAKER.

Talks Optimistically of the Future of This Port of Entry—Believes the Establishment of a Sugar Refinery Here Would Aid Greatly in the Development of Marine Commerce — Some Interesting Suggestions.

Characterizing the announcement that two steamship companies will operate larger steamers between this and foreign ports as a "big thing for Baltimore," Bernard N. Baker yesterday afternoon discussed the future of this port of entry.

"For years Baltimore has stood out," said Mr. Baker, "as one of the best harbors in the country. Our business men have had opportunity upon opportunity to increase the port's business and now I believe they, as well as the large steamship owners, are beginning to realize Baltimore's possibilities."

Mr. Baker probably knows more than any other man the possibilities of the United States increasing its commerce with foreign countries. With the opening of the Panama Canal he said business would be bound to increase and there must be an Atlantic port to take care of it. He pointed out that New York harbor was overcrowded and with its improved docks and comparatively cheap method of loading ship cargo, Baltimore should receive the greater amount of this new business.

"If you ask me now what I think Baltimore needs more than anything to develop the port's business, then I should answer a large sugar refinery. I have heard there is a movement on foot to build a refinery here, and I hope that the plans will materialize. Baltimore should certainly have such a refinery. This is the opportune time for our business men to get together and build one. It is a certainty that this Democratic Congress will at lease reduce and may remove entirely the duty from sugar. This happening, the United States will soon again be a market for the receiving of sugar beets and cane.

"It has not been so many years since Baltimore was a great sugar market and I think that is again a possibility. With the establishing of a large sugar refinery we would have many additional ships. As a return cargo these vessels to carry coal and Baltimore would be the port to reap the benefit.

"The fact that two steamship companies which have vessels already operating here intend to use larger steamers to take care of the port's business is a good sign. The Central West will do, I am sure, a great deal to give cargo to the ships that come here, and the railroads will aid, too.

"Because of the arrangement of our docks and harbor ship cargo can be loaded considerably cheaper here than at New York and many other ports. The lighterage charges are not near so great.

"I have no fear for Baltimore as a port and believe that when the business men realize the benefit they would realize by the establishment of a sugar refinery they will build one."

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