

Gossip of Gotham Town

Interesting Comment from the Eastern Metropolis—Sixteen-Year-Old Schoolgirl Who Is a Mystery—Glories in an Anarchistic Title—Fortune for Bible Fund.

NEW YORK—Elizabeth Flynn, the 16-year-old high school girl, who was arrested in this city for preaching to a crowd in the street, while a red flag waved over her head, delights in the title her socialist friends have bestowed upon her, "The Daughter of the Reds."

Pette, well formed, with almost faultless features, dusky hair and great, star-like eyes, this child of 16, whose gray tweed skirt is not down to her shoe tops, said in reply to a question:

"No, I do not object to being called 'The Daughter of the Reds.' I got that at the Collectivists' dinner, and I should like to explain right now why I don't object to it. The red flag does not mean riot, bloodshed and anarchy. It means the red, healthy blood of the people. I am in that sense a daughter of the reds, and I love in that understanding the red flag."

This girl, whose brilliancy of intellect amazes those who have met her, is the daughter of Thomas Flynn, a civil engineer of New York. She said her thoughts were turned toward socialism because her father was cheated out of two years' wages by his employers. Last winter, during a long illness, she became absorbed in the works of Walt Whitman, Elbert Hubbard, Robert G. Ingersoll and Tom Paine, which she studied in connection with the Bible. At an age when most girls are laying aside their dolls she is deeply versed in radicalism. Among her friends are Bolton Hall, J. G. Phelps Stokes, Jack London and other socialists. She has met Gorky, but says: "I do not care to meet geniuses. They are always egotistical. I would rather read what they write and keep aloof from them."

Her great ambition is to lead a reform movement for women. She objects to the title, "Socialist Joan of Arc," "because I am not religious."

HIS RICHES GOES TO BUY BIBLES.

All hope entertained by the relatives of Bloodgood H. Cutter, the famous "poet larriat" of Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad," who died at Little Neck, L. I., recently, that he had died intestate, and that they would divide his \$750,000 estate among them, was ended when the last will and testament of the eccentric nonagenarian was discovered in a secret drawer of an antique cabinet in one of his rooms, by William Purchase, who had acted as the venerable poet's valet for years.

By the will each of 20 half-brothers, half-sisters and other relatives is bequeathed a life interest of \$5,000 each in the estate, the balance being left unconditionally to the American Bible society.

Since the death of the "farmer poet," as he was sometimes called, energetic search had been made for the will, and as day after day passed without its being found the hopes of the relatives that each would fall heir to a goodly legacy became brighter, so that the finding of the instrument has plunged them into deep dejection. There is already talk of contesting.

The will bequeaths the poet's vast collection of curios gathered on 14 voyages around the world, including the one he made with Mark Twain—and which the humorist immortalized in his "Innocents Abroad"—to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. These curios fill three big farmhouses. The library of 5,000 volumes is left to the Long Island Historical society.

ORGANIZED GANG OF HOTEL ROBBERS.

Tenants of the Ansonia, at Seventy-third street and Broadway, have been victims during the last year or so of many burglaries. Despite the closest watch things have systematically disappeared. One day half a dozen pairs of silk hose or a bit of lingerie would be reported stolen, and the next a quantity of jewelry. The succession of thefts was so daring and systematic that W. E. D. Stokes, proprietor of the fashionable hostelry, had begun to believe he was harboring a "Raffles" in his house, but the arrest of Lena Blodgett, a pretty maid formerly employed by the wife of Hyman Sonn, a guest of the Ansonia, has cleared up the mystery.

Accomplices of Lena Blodgett were Frank Fanning, the head carpenter, and Patrick Walsh, his assistant, both of whom have been employed by the hotel for several years and were trusted employees. These men while at their work had access to all apartments. Kate Gallagher, a former sweetheart of Fanning, is believed to have given information to the police which led to the arrest of the gang. She had lately failed to find favor in the eyes of Fanning, and this was her method of revenge.

One of the victims is said to have been Mrs. Charles M. Schwab, and some property which was stolen from her last June was recovered by the police. Mr. Stokes is preparing a list of his guests for the period during which the robberies have been going on. He will turn it over to the police, when it is thought that many more robberies than are already reported will be brought to light. The police say the missing property may run in value as high as \$30,000.

The police complain that residents of swell hotels such as the Ansonia, by their carelessness in the case of their valuables, not only make thefts easy of accomplishment, but place temptation in the way of employees of the house, who are about as poorly paid a class of workers as any in the city.

It was in his apartments in the Ansonia, it will be remembered, that "Al" Adams, the former "policy king," committed suicide a few weeks ago.

PATHEPIC LETTER TO DR. STORK.

Irene, the nine-year-old adopted daughter of Druggist F. E. Blenckstone, of Oradell, N. J., wrote a letter to the stork in the Central park zoo two months ago, asking that a little baby sister be left at her home as soon as convenient to the stork. No baby arrived at the Blenckstone home, but, Saturday night, a girl baby arrived at the home of Everett A. Haring, whose nine-year-old daughter Margaret is a playmate of Irene Blenckstone.

The latter at once concluded a serious mistake had been made and she so told Margaret. But her playmate was obstinate and refused to give the baby away to the claimant. So Irene, on Monday, wrote another letter to the stork, addressing it Central park. She wants a baby sister before November.

To a reporter, who called to see Irene she said: "I love babies and I really want one. I am sure the good, kind stork meant Margaret's baby for me, but she loves babies, too, and won't give hers to me. So I wrote another letter to the stork and placed a blanket on the sofa over night, so the baby will have something to sleep on when she arrives. I have dolls and a cat and dog, but they are not babies. I want something to play with that can learn to talk. I have no brothers or sisters and if the stork knew how lonesome I get sometimes, I am sure it would send me a good little baby."

The letter she wrote follows:
Dear Mr. Stork: I will please ask you again, please bring me a baby. You will find a blanket and pillow on the sofa, because I sleep there every night. So kindly bring it before November. I would like a little girl. I know a little girl who only got a baby last Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Irene is confident that the good stork will not disappoint her and will not make a second mistake.

MORTON ON INSURANCE ABROAD.

Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, has been abroad for some time and has recently returned to his desk in the Equitable building.

"What are the conditions of insurance affairs in Europe?" Mr. Morton was asked.
"I went across," Mr. Morton ultimately said, "to see what could be done to smooth over some troubles which had been encountered in France, but found our company could live under the conditions imposed by the French government and that we could operate under these laws. In fact, the laws of New York state are just as stringent as are those of Europe."

"The Equitable will continue in France. The laws of that nation, which generally favor French companies, do not discriminate against those of other countries."

In reply to another question, Mr. Morton said the beef scandal had nearly died out abroad. "Whatever they want to eat," he said, "we will continue to supply. During the short time they stopped eating our meats we gave them American oatmeal. While in England I made a proposal that if the entire British army was fed wholly on American meat our company would insure everyone in the army at regular rates. We not only want to sell European meats, but to insure their lives after they buy it."



THE VERDICT

In the Standard Oil Case Is "Guilty."

TRUST WILL APPEAL

Every Effort Will be Made to Secure a Reversal of the Verdict Returned at Findlay.

Findlay, O.—By the verdict of a jury the Standard Oil Company of Ohio is guilty of conspiracy against trade in violation of the Valentine anti-trust law of Ohio.

The penalty is a fine of from \$50 to \$5,000, which may be repeated for each day of the offense, or imprisonment of from six to 12 months.

The Standard Oil Company of Ohio has given notice that it will file a motion for a new trial. Under the practice of the court the defendant has three days to put this motion in form.

The next step will be for the court to impose the penalty. The defense will then take their bill of exceptions to such rulings of Judge Banker as they have objected, to the circuit court of the state.

The appeal from this court is to the supreme court of the state, by which tribunal there is no doubt the issue will ultimately be decided.

To the state the suit, the verdict and the ultimate appeal is important particularly because it initiates an entirely new method of proceeding against alleged trade monopolies—that is by information and affidavit, instead of by grand jury indictment.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Industrial Operations are on an Unprecedented Scale.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

The advancing season has broadened retail trade in staple lines, notably heavyweight clothing and footwear, while wholesale and jobbing departments make satisfactory returns and there is definite improvement in the promptness with which mercantile collections are made. Current distribution is scarcely more general than the demand for distant delivery, indicating that confidence in the future remains unshaken.

Industrial operations are on an unprecedented scale, with especial pressure at steel mills, car shops and ship yards. Prices are well maintained.

Failures this week numbered 186 in the United States, against 233 last year, and 17 in Canada, compared with 38 a year ago.

CYCLONE CAUSED HAVOC.

Twenty People Killed and a Property Loss of \$2,000,000 is the Result of a Storm at Havana.

Havana, Cuba.—A cyclone of unprecedented severity, accompanied by a terrific downpour of rain, swept over the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio Wednesday night and resulted in 20 deaths in this city and the serious injury of a dozen or more persons. The damage is estimated at fully \$2,000,000. The dead are all Cubans of the poorer class.

Two coasting schooners were driven high on the rocks at the Malecon. The crew of one managed to get ashore, but the crew of the other, four men, was drowned.

DIED IN FIRE.

Ten Men Roasted to Death in a Boarding House at Birmingham, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala.—Ten men were burned to death, two others were perhaps fatally injured and a third was slightly hurt in a fire which destroyed the boarding house of Mrs. E. E. Watley early Friday morning. Eight of the victims were street railway employes.

All the dead and injured occupied rooms on the second story of the house. The flames enveloped the entire building when the fire was discovered and it was with the greatest difficulty that the persons on the lower floor made their escape.

A TERRIBLE DISASTER.

A Tidal Wave Engulfs an Island and Wrecks a Steamer—Hundreds of Lives Lost.

Miami, Fla.—The passenger steamer St. Lucie, Capt. Bravo commanding, has sunk off the Florida coast.

Capt. Bravo says that he anchored on the lee side of Elliott's Key, 25 miles south of Miami, Thursday morning and that soon after a tidal wave engulfed the island. He says there were 250 residents on the island, all of whom were lost. The St. Lucie was crushed by the same wave and of the 100 persons on board 25 were killed. Capt. Bravo was seriously injured.

Rebaters are Fined \$114,000.

New York.—Judge Holt in the United States circuit court Friday imposed a fine of \$114,000 on the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Co. for granting rebates to Lowell M. Palmer, who has charge of transportation for the American Sugar Refining Co.

Miners' Strike Ended.

Wheeling, W. Va.—The four days' strike of 280 miners at the mines of the United States Coal Co. at Plum Run, O., the scene of last summer's riots, was settled Friday.

A HOLDUP GAME.

Tammany's Leader Claims It Was Engineered by Independence Leaguers.

New York.—The most startling development in the present political campaign in this state came Thursday when Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, publicly charged that money had been demanded by representatives of the Independence league in consideration of the withdrawal of their candidates in certain districts, and the subsequent serving of Mr. Murphy with a subpoena to appear before the grand jury in "John Doe" proceedings and testify as to his charges. The subpoena was issued by District Attorney Jerome, after a conference with Judge Otto A. Rosalsky, of the court of general sessions, who Mr. Murphy intimated had given up money for the endorsement of the league.

In his statement Mr. Murphy charged that certain Independence league managers had demanded money for the withdrawal of their candidates in congressional, senatorial and assembly districts where a third ticket had been put in the field. He added, however, that William R. Hearst, the Independence league and democratic candidate for governor, knew absolutely nothing of what was going on in this connection.

The Independence league headquarters last night made a positive denial of Mr. Murphy's charges, adding that if anyone connected with the organization had attempted to "hold up" candidates they would be glad to know of it.

A subpoena has also been served upon Francis G. Shober, Independence league and democratic candidate for congress in the Seventeenth district. Mr. Shober is reported to have made the statement that he knew of one case where a Tammany senatorial candidate had offered to defray the expenses already incurred by the Independence league nominee if the latter would withdraw.

A NOTED MILLIONAIRE DIES.

William Scully, Owner of 200,000 Acres of Land, Crosses the Divide.

Lincoln, Ill.—William Scully, formerly Lord Scully, of London, England, died in London Wednesday. He was a peer until 1900, when he became a citizen of the United States and settled in Washington, D. C. His fortune is estimated at about \$50,000,000, including 200,000 acres of land in Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska. His first land was bought in Logan, Livingston and Sangamon counties, this state, and the remainder in Kansas and Nebraska.

William Scully was the son of Dennis Scully, prominent in the Irish emancipation cause and the first Irish student in 200 years to be admitted to Trinity college, Cambridge. He studied law in a Dublin office, later upon the passage of the corn law in 1846, selling his estate and coming to Illinois. Traveling on horseback he began to invest in land and continued to acquire property to the time of his death. He leaves two sons in Washington, where the body will be brought for burial.

Wholesale Naturalization Frauds.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Wholesale naturalization frauds in the Hennepin county courts have been discovered and the evidence has been turned over to the United States authorities and a thorough investigation is under way. Sixty-two warrants are being served by the United States marshal and Moses Winthrop, a well known democratic politician, has been arrested and bound over to await the action of the federal grand jury. It is said that large numbers of foreigners have perjured themselves in taking out their second papers.

Pythians Elect Officers.

New Orleans, La.—The supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers Thursday: Supreme chancellor, Charles A. Barnes, Jacksonville, Ill. Supreme vice chancellor, Henry P. Brown, Cleburne, Tex. Supreme prelate, Leo A. Caro, Grand Rapids, Mich. Supreme keeper of records and seal, R. L. White, Nashville, Tenn. Supreme master of exchequer, Thomas D. Meares, Wilmington, N. C.

Maine's Gunners are the Best Ever.

New York.—The battleship Maine reached port Thursday from the Massachusetts coast, where she engaged in target practice. All gunnery records were broken by the Maine's gunners. It is said 29 out of a possible 39 hits were made in firing a port broadside of six-inch guns at a target two miles distant. The target was 60x30 feet and was knocked down by the thirty-ninth shot.

Leper Died in a Shanty.

Clarksburg, W. Va.—George Rashid, the Syrian leper, who several months ago was driven from various cities in the east because of his affliction, died in a shanty at Pickens, near here, Friday. The body will be cremated by the county authorities. The leper has been located in a shanty built especially for him after his removal to that place by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co.

Insurance Elections Begin.

New York.—Voting in the election which is to decide who shall control the Mutual and New York Life insurance companies and their \$900,000,000 of assets began Thursday and will continue until December 18, when the polls close.

Automobile Accident was Fatal.

Waltham, Mass.—By the overturning of an automobile at the foot of a long hill Thursday Mrs. Fred N. Dillon, of Fitchburg, was killed and Mrs. George P. Grant, jr., also of Fitchburg, was badly hurt.

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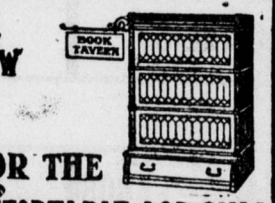
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