## EALIN' OUT JOBS" IS ORGANIZATION'S BUSINESS, SAYS WARD HEELER IN "THE CRACK IN THE BELL"

Archer Learns His First Lesson in Practical Politics From Michael Kelly, Division Leader in he Fifth Ward, While Recuperating in the Lafaytte Club From Strongburger's Beating

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grin, and he obliged in one breathless sentence.

"Why, if you dope it right out to the limit, the organization is a committee in each division, with a leader, and then there's an executive committee in each ward, of which the ward leader is chairman; and all these ward committees make up the city committee, and there's an executive committee of the city committee, and generally two or three leaders claimin' to boss this executive committee, and all more or less doing it."

"Perfectly clear," smiled Jerry.

"And this organization has money, you say, so that it can pay salaries? Where does it get it?"

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about you," explained the policeman. Lieutenant Fish is scared stiff and so ministing man. Edmund. In massing man. Edmund. In missing man. Edmund. It is scared stiff and so am I. If you want to know. He sent me to find you. We didn't know who you was, Mr. Archer. I didn't, know who you list ke that into—"Domy folks know what's happened to me?" demanded Jerry sternly. "Does Wr. Buckingham?"

"I reckon they don't yet. I've just been sent out to find you."

"In other words, you walted to see how badly off I was and how far you can't square me. So much for that. Now you get to a telephone quick. All up my mother—that'll take care of all the rest of 'em—tell her I've had a most interesting experience and been detained down here where I couldn't communicate before. Say I'll be home in an hour, and don't let out one word of what about you," explained the policeman.
"Lieutenant Fish is scared stiff and so am I. if you want to know. He sent me to find you. We didn't know who you was, Mr. Archer. I didn't, and I hope you'll take that into—"

JEND of mine?" objected Jerry. of the law? That you are there ect people—not assault them?

In't you know that little man been in this country long? he comes to a land that stands berly and justice? That he is under the very shadow of Instence Hall, where the proposition of the factor of the sidewalks; you arrest for keeping open on Sundays; all around him he sees fault vered, goods on the sidewalk, open on Sunday unmolested "I confess I have only the vaguest no-tion," said Jerry. "Organization in politics never occurred to me until in the course of its operation a policeman's club landed on my head. Now I think my curiosity is pardonable." The wide freckled face of Kelly was completely shattered by a comprehending grin, and he obliged in one breathless sentence.

The Politicians' Crime

of oppression. This man is in his experience with ey. You should make it to be giving him a lesson greatness, the justness, the ch him that republics are unnat the law and the police
established to protect, may
unity employed to persecute
You teach him desperation,
Ill make him a criminal, an
lat, a lawless person—as
as you are yourself."

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dentity.

And Jerry flared up again, and you to persecute this inoflittle Jew? And what are you for? Graft, I suppose. Hedid not disgorge two or three week for the privilege of violatw.

Iaw."

T Naw! Not this time,"
Relly, "Politics! The lieu enhim to do it."
ieutenant? Unthinkable!" Jerry,
father, did not believe all thted in the newspapers.
thing!" insisted Kelly, "They
ing to make the Jew turn in for

ho is Deutsch?" inquired Jerry, new ward leader," boasted

"t seem to quite grasp this siness," naid Jerry, there's a leader in each voting you understand," explained and of his ability to enlighten. It would be required by a gentleman archer's standing, "I'm the leader in the ward that all a leaders in the organization

"And this organization we have been talking about is the Republican City Central Committee?"

"You know it?" was the vernacular response of the division leader.

"I didn't realize it," confessed the young man frankly. "I hadn't identified the two in my mind. Then the business of the organization is to secure Republican majorities and elect Republican Congressmen and Senators so that the whole of Philadelphia's influence in a legislative way may be cast for a protective tariff?"

"And the organization, in dis-tributing jobs and contracts, merely pays itself well for attending to this matter of majorities for the tariff." persisted the inquiring young man. "That is your idea." "That's all," agreed the leader.

"Usin' Influence"

Jerry was thoughtful for a moment, his mind breached by the suspicion that may be these majorities came rather high. With these people, he reflects. The tariff is just camouflage. Political crookedness always hides itself behind the mask of something legitimate and proner. Even Tammany pretends to virtues. Then he went on aloud with "Now let me connect tals up with what's happened today. Mr. Kelly. These rival ward leaders, rieutsch and Carcy." They are both Republicans?" "Sure thing."

"Sure thing."

"And you?" Jerry inquired, turning to Strongburger who had returned from his telephoning and stood just inside the door awaiting developments—'You are using your club and your authority to make the people of this division vote for Deutsch for leader? Trying to take it away from Carey? A mere factional—"

"Assessments. Every policeman, fireman, Judge, clerk....."
"School teacher?" broke in Jerry, thereby confessing to a certain sense of shock.
"I don't know about school teachers," admitted Kelly, with a smile. "They're a little bit out of my line, but up in the department, yes, you bet your life. Generally speakin', everybody that's got a job in the city gives up money to keep the organization going or else some fine day they give up their job. And then," he concluded, "there are other ways the organization has of getting money."
"For instance?" Jerry snapped out

tiles." he concluded, "there are a constituted with a desiration to be only the control of the c



"Edmunds," announced Higgins, presenting the telephone to Buckingham

you find to do down here? he interro-gated, thereby rather tactlessly revealing to him the incongruity of the existence of any thing really nice in such an en-

"Naw." affirmed Keily with assumptions of virtuous indignation. "Jim arey never gave no man nothing but officer Strongburger interrupted disoncertingly, with.

"Tye done as much police politics for him carey as I ever did for anybody inche carey as I ever did for anybody ise."

"Yes, and he got you on the force.

"Yes, and he got you on the force." "I am so glad you yielded to that impulse, Miss Sylvy—so glad," Jerry assured her earnestly, "My wounds which are slight will heat much quicker for your sympathy. Good-by, Miss Aurentsky"

ory of that petite flower of a woman stalked by the evil glances of Joseph Maldono. Strongburger meanwhile had hurried round to the station to make his report.

"Took you long enough!" rebuked Licutenant Fish, pacing the floor of the front office.

"My God!" groaned Policeman Strong-burger, as indicating the agony through which he had passed.

"Won't he listen to reason?"

"Reason? He won't listen to nothing. He's one of those reformer guys. He's goin' to prefer charges."

"Then you're broke. Strongburger, you resign tonight. But"—and the Lieutenant suddenly haited in his pacings—"how does a reformer guy get to be a friend of Buckingham's?"

"Ill send you be telling us," said Ruth policity. "I'm so relieved.

But she hung up the phone with a difficulty of fire in her eyes. With relief at the centing of her suspense had come revulsion and resentment. She began to feel that she had excited herself unduly, and that she had excited herself author of the feel that she had excited herself unduly, and that she ha

But Paul, whose notion of making himself agreeable to a young lady was to tease, pretended to be arbitrary.

"I think the person who snatched me rudely away from my pleasant family party should take me back, not send me back," he reproached. back, he reproached.

"Maybe I'm not going back," bristled Ruth. "There's a limit to the number of times I race across the country in one day for one young man.

"Don't blame you a bit. He doesn't half appreciate you," formented Paul.

"He does," affirmed Ruth, with a flash from the deep blue eyes. "Shall I send you?"

"You'll take me presently," speculated that young man with irritating coolness. "Besides, I'm really very content here with Buckingham cigars to smoke and the Buckingham library to browse in."

The financier looked up with an approving nod from some first editions he

When Buckingham, the Great Financier, Learns of Arrest of His Young Friend He Determines Some One Shall Pay

whether in tobaccos or literature.

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"Hem! Ahem—Mr. Buckingham," began the embarrassed voice of the unofficial official. "I am dismayed to find that young Mr. Archer has been in police custody.

"Pouce custody?" Mr. Buckingham made the inquiry in tones of perfect self-control, but there was nevertheless a suggestion of something dangerously explosive in their quality.

"Poli-i-ce custody?" exclaimed Ruth, with indignation and amazement, as she rushed to her father's side.

"Why, what can that mean?" de-



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