The Medium and His Loss

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"Say, Milly, you remember that rich old cracker I was speaking to you about," asked Harper, "Been having sittings with his slates, you member, for three weeks on and off. Crafty old boy. Swallows everything, but won't give his name. Says the spirits will have to tell him who he is before he's sure. Well, he's coming to our seance tomorrow night.

"You remember my telling you about him, Milly? He's got the kale, and we're going to trim him. I've brought him to the point where he's willing to endow a college for psychical research, if we'll tell him who he is.

"That don't bother me none. We can get around that. I followed him home yesterday, and the rest's going to be simple. Well, he's looking for his daughter. Sure you remember, Milly. The girl left his home years ago—went to the bad or something, and he's been hunting for her ever since. Blames himself. He's sorry. You know the type. Soft. Enjoy. Like a sponge. Wow, how we'll squeeze him!

"You'll be the daughter in Summerland, of course, and you'll materialize in the dim religious light. I'll keep the old music-box going pretty loud so as to help out. Gee, there ought to be a mint of jack in it for us.

Harper and Milly had been associated for three years in their fake medium game. During that period they had been partners in many cities. They had been exposed, moved on, arrested scores of times, but they had done well out of it.

This, however, promised to be a record killing. The old man's identity would be revealed shortly, when Harper prosecuted his inquiries, and he had as good as promised that donation of ten thousand dollars to the imaginary college. Harper and Milly were in high spirits the following evening.

One by one the guests drifted in. It was an ordinary back parlor, with a cabinet, placed against the folding doors. Within the cabinet sat Milly, dressed in white, ready to go into a trance.

Last of all came in the old man. He took his seat in a shadowy corner of the room. Harper stepped to the cabinet and passed Milly the word.

"Did you lamp the old gink?" he asked. "Looks like easy money. You play the game and we'll sure trim him tonight."

They sang "Shall we gather by the river?" They ceased. Out of the darkness came the faint tones of the music-box.

"That's Joey!" whispered Harper. "Well, Joey, how's things?"

"Oh, all right, all right!" came Joey's voice. "Say, bo, there'll be somethin' doin' tonight!"

"Dear Joey's always a trifle vulgar. He was a bartender in life, you know," whispered a stout lady to her neighbor.

"The Queen of Sheba," announced Harper.

The Queen of Sheba came out of the cabinet, floated round the room, bestowed her blessing, and disappeared again.

After her came Queen Victoria and Mary Queen of Scots, Lucrezia Borgia and Julius Caesar. These historical characters having played their role, deceased friends of those present materialized one by one. At length Harper stepped up to the old gentleman.

"Your daughter's sent word she's coming," he whispered.

With tremulous footsteps the old gentleman made his way to the front of the cabinet, and tried to recognize the lineaments of the figure in front of him.

"You—you're dead, Esther?" he stammered.

"I passed out five years ago," whispered the figure.

He clapped his hand to his breast. "I'll never forgive myself, darling, Esther," he moaned.

"Oh, that's all right, father dear. Everything forgiven when one gets over here."

"Are you happy, Esther?"

"Yes, Dad. Do you want me to tell your name?"

"No, no!"

"Or how I used to call you Charley?"

"Esther, I believe, I believe. I wanted you back so much, but you always were proud. I always used to say I'd rather see you dead than dishonored. You always ran straight, dear girl?"

"Yes, Dad." There was a sob in the voice. "Dad, listen! Don't give your money to that college. The spirits don't want you to. The advice was given Harper by thoughtless spirits. Give it to—to a home for fallen girls."

"I will, I will, Esther!"

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Harper faced Milly after the sitting, livid with fury. "You—you—say, whatcher mean?" he stammered.

"I mean I'm through with you and your snide tricks, Harper," said Milly calmly. "And I'm going out now to look for a job."

Symbolizing Liberty.

"What is this place?"

"The Ladies' Liberty club."

"A patriotic organization?"

"Not exactly. Do you see those ladies lounging on the veranda and smoking cigarettes?"

"Yes."

"They are studies in self-expression." Birmingham Age-Herald.

PATTON PERSONALS

W. E. Biller, of Fourth avenue, a former employee of the P. R. R. has gone to Akron, Ohio, where he has secured work.

Oscar Lehmire, of Carrolltown was here Monday among Patton friends.

Russell Little, a student at the school of Pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Little, of Fifth avenue.

Mrs. Leo Maurer and daughter Mildred of Mellon avenue, have left for Miami, Florida, where they will remain on an extended visit among relatives and friends at that place.

Beatrice Flynn, of Hastings, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Jerry Flynn, of Lang avenue.

Andrew Farnaldy, of this place, was a business visitor in Hastings on Monday.

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George Lilly of West Magee avenue, spent Saturday with Chest Springs friends.

George Mitchell, of Hastings, spent the week with his parents here.

J. B. Catherwood, of Lang avenue has left for an extended trip to Chicago, St. Louis and Louisville.

H. A. Burley, of Cross Roads, was a social caller in Patton on Saturday evening.

James Cassidy, of Ebensburg, spent Sunday with Patton friends.

D. H. Baker, of Spangler, spent the week-end with Patton friends and relatives.

Mrs. M. H. Gardner, of this place, spent Monday with friends at Carrolltown.

Ethel Anderson, of Palmer avenue was a recent Cresson visitor.

Miss Thelma Larimer of this place is spending the week with Ebensburg friends and relatives.

Philip E. Caufield, of the Penn Traffic Company, Johnstown, was a Patton business caller on Monday.

John E. Kauffelt, of the Peale, Peacock & Kerr Offices at St. Benedict, spent Monday evening among Patton friends.

A. C. Lonsberry of Patton was a business caller in Ebensburg on Monday.

Mrs. Frances Bruneau, of West Magee avenue, is serving on the Jury at Ebensburg this week.

William Diamond, local contractor, recently spent a few days visiting with friends and relatives in Johnstown.

Mrs. Clark Heist and Mrs. Archie Gall were recent visitors in Johnstown.

Miss Dorothy Shunkwiler and sister Grace spent the week-end at the home of their brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bone of Dixonville.

Mrs. Jennie Dinsmore of Punxsutawney is visiting with relatives in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sold and daughter Janet of Clearfield, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Somerville of Beech avenue.

Mrs. L. W. Maurer and daughter Mildred left Saturday for Miami, Fla. where they expect to remain for about six weeks.

Mrs. Awinda Bennett of Beech avenue was a recent Altoona visitor.

D. K. Rishell, local jeweler, transacted business in Pittsburgh the first part of this week.

Mrs. Flora Bigler has returned to her home in Clearfield, after spending some time at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Good of Beech avenue.

The Misses Ethel Anderson and Lou Shunkwiler were recent visitors in Altoona.

Mrs. Harry Winslow who recently underwent an operation at the Spangler hospital has returned to her home here.

Miss Mary Risko of Ebensburg was the guest of friends at this place for a few days.

Mrs. Joseph Friedman, of Pittsburgh is spending some time at the home of her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Ratowsky of Beech avenue. Mrs. Friedman was formerly Miss Anna Ratowsky.

A. J. Bly superintendent of the Penn Central Light and Power Company, was a business caller in Altoona.

Helen Maurer, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Maurer of Fifth avenue, is ill at the parental home of scarlet fever.

Earl Peters of Rockingham was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Peters over Sunday.

Beatrice Bortman is able to be about again after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. John Urick of this place was called to Altoona this week on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Miss Mary Mitchell has returned to Patton after spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Mitchell of Portage.

Coletta Cooper left for Pittsburgh this week to accept a position with the West Penn Light Company. Miss Cooper was formerly employed at the Penn Central Light and Power Co. of this place.

Mrs. Pierce Henry of McConnellsville is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Diehl.

Harfer Blatenberg of Rockingham was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Peters over Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Lyberger and two children of Vintondale are visiting at the home of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Rowland of Kerr Avenue.

Charles Smith of Akron, O., is spending some time at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith of the Commercial hotel.

Greensburg—Producton of bituminous coal in Westmoreland county totaled 983,316 tons more in 1922 than in 1921, the annual report of J. J. McDonald, inspector of mines in this district shows.

Franklin—The city's measles epidemic, which caused sickness to 800 children and lasted eight weeks is over, giving place to an epidemic of grip which is curtailing sales and offices forces of local establishments.

Renova—Mr. and Mrs. James J. Elliott, of South Renova, celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary last Friday.

PREPARED BY EXPERTS

Governor Pinchot Disclaims Responsibility For Bill Offered For Criticism

HARRISBURG—The draft of the workmen's compensation code which Governor Pinchot has offered for criticism and for which he disclaims responsibility makes sweeping changes in the system embodied in the acts now on the statute books governing employers' liability in Pennsylvania.

The draft as submitted by the Governor for general discussion by all interested was prepared under the direction of Attorney General Woodruff by compensation experts close to the administration, it was learned.

Four basic changes are incorporated in the new code. The first, in the order in which they appeared in the proposed act, is the provision for extra-territoriality. Under this plan employees working in other States for Pennsylvania concerns are entitled to the benefits of the act of this State.

The second change in the law is to extend the provisions of what constitutes an "injury" to diseases that develop during employment of occupational diseases.

Revision of the compensation, scheduled from 60 to 66 2-3 per cent of wages for different classes of disability constitutes the third important change proposed.

The fourth sweeping recommendation in the proposed act governs the rights of widows and dependents.

Under the disability schedule the loss of fingers, thumbs, or toes may be compensable, while other departures are the inclusion in this class of such disabilities as loss of hearing of one or both ears or impairment of vision as well as loss of eyesight as at present provided.

Total disability may extend for life under the new act. The waiting period has been lessened from 10 to 7 days as the time for commencement of the disability.

The most startling change in the Compensation bill is the extension of benefits of decedents while the most drastic from the standpoint of administration of act is the restriction of commutations to beneficiaries.

If an employee dies without dependents compensation is to be paid to his personal representative, a thing unheard of at the present time. If there are no dependents or beneficiaries whatever, the compensation is turned over to the Workmen's Bureau for purposes of rehabilitation of disabled workers. Brothers, sisters, grandfathers, gradmothers and grandparents may share in the compensation of descendents as dependents according to the revised terms of the act.

Compensation is payable for 500 weeks instead of 300 as at present to the widow and to dependents it is paid 400 weeks, in the mase of the decendents under the law.

The commutation provision states "that the Board shall not commute the compensation payable to any employee or the dependent or any deceased employee or pay any debt of such employee or dependent other than a debt secured by mortgage or a judgement filed at a lien upon the property of such employee or dependent," or to pay funeral expenses or other expenses in connection with compensation.

Mrs. A. W. Evans Elected President; Will be Conducted at Y. M. C. A.

At a public meeting held in the Directors room of the First National Bank, of Ebensburg, Saturday afternoon, for the purposes of organizing a public library for Ebensburg, the preliminary work for which had already been previously completed due to the enterprise of a number of people who have given generous donations and given unsparingly of their time towards effecting an organization, the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. were offered and accepted as the home of the library. It was decided at this meeting that the association would be named "The Ebensburg Free Public Library." The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. W. Evans; Vice President, Miss Margaret Myers; Secretary, Miss Helena Ivory; Treasurer, Miss Edith Jones.

The following were appointed to serve on the committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws: Mrs. Charles Troxell, Mrs. F. G. Bishop, Mrs. P. G. Fenlon, Mrs. Charles Hasson and Mrs. Margaret D. Brooks.

The following were appointed to serve as librarians: Miss Annie Beynon, Miss Leah Sharbaugh, Miss Margaret Little, Miss Nan Davis, Miss Edith Jones, Miss Agnes Wilkinson, Miss Florence Pruner and Mrs. A. W. Evans.

It was agreed upon by those present at Saturday's meeting that for the benefit of anyone wishing to become charter members of the association that the list will be held open for a period of two weeks.

The next meeting will be held in the American Legion rooms, James building, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 17.

Declares Women Want no Politics.

HARRISBURG—Mrs. John O. Miller, chairman of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters in an address before the Dauphin County league here Tuesday urged cooperation with Gov. Pinchot and Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, state superintendent of public instruction, in getting the facts as to the needs of the public school system.

"We do not want the schools thrown into politics, Mrs. Miller said reiterating the position of the league as expressed in a statement recently favoring the principle of permanence in office for public officials "faithful to their trust."

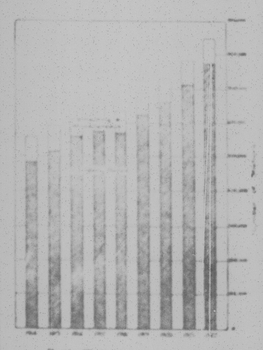
Mrs. Miller expressed opposition to the proposal to defer state payments to the teacher's retirement fund in order to make available money for the Deleware river bridge, declaring that, if any money is taken from the teacher's fund it should go to the schools.

PENNSYLVANIA GAINS TELEPHONES RAPIDLY

Last Eight Years Show an Increase of Almost Sixty Per Cent.

A comprehensive idea of the rapid growth in the telephone industry in Pennsylvania may be had by a glance at the accompanying chart, which is indicative of conditions all over the United States.

On December 31, 1922, there were 720,457 telephones owned and operated by the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. This figure represents an increase of 58,619 during the year.



Bell Telephone Growth in Pennsylvania.

The increase in connecting company (other companies which connect with the Bell System) and miscellaneous stations during the same period was from 77,335 to 82,598, or a net increase of 5043 stations. The number of owned, connected and miscellaneous stations reached a total of 848,855 at the end of the year 1922.

As compared with the 481,000 stations at the end of 1914, the total owned and operated stations of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania at the end of 1922 represents a gain of almost 90 per cent in the eight years.

PAYROLL IS GIGANTIC

Report On Public Service Companies Also Issued By Secretary Woodward

HARRISBURG—The volume of business done by the productive industrial plants of Pennsylvania and the public service companies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1921 totalled $7,406,246,700 according to figures made public by Secretary of Internal Affairs James F. Woodward. The figures based on studies of productive industries and public service companies made by the Bureau of Statistics and Information of the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. In the same year the public service companies and the industrial plants represented an invested capital of $8,712,937,000.

The business done by theplants classed as productive industrial establishments totalled $6,121,875,000 and represented an invested capital of $4,920,906,670. The business done by the public service companies, including the work in the railroad and street railway repair shops totalled $1,284,371,700. These later companies represented an invested capital of $3,792,056,100.

Employees of productive industrial plants and public service companies totalled 1,571,816 of whom 1,270,509 were employed in industrial establishments and 301,211 were employed by public service companies. The compensation of the latter amounted to $474,165,279, while the compensation of industrial workers totalled $1,451,271,000.

Of the public service companies, railroads did, by far, the greatest volume of business, the total for the year being $746,794,548. Of this amount $713,611,013 represented the volume of business or interstate roads in Pennsylvania and $33,183,575 was the total for the interstate railroads.

Electric railways did a total volume of business of $110,408,929. The value of the work done in the repair shops of the railroad and electric railway companies amounted to $175,024,400.

Telephone and telegraph companies operating in Pennsylvania showed receipts for the year amounting to $54,189,228.

Pennsylvania paid $62,36,095 to private concerns for electric lighting and $985,250 to municipally owned plants for the same purpose. For electric heat, consumers paid private concerns $451,630 while municipally owned plants were paid $888 for such heat. For electric power, privately owned plants showed receipts totalling $52,470,319 while municipally owned plants, for the same purpose, showed receipts of $172,417.

Steam heat consumers paid to the companies a total of $2,715,022 during the year. Natural gas consumers paid their respective companies $41,223,941 while the users of manufactured gas paid $29,891,086 for the amount they consumed. Receipts of privately owned water companies for the year amounted to $15,645,269 while the receipts of municipally-owned companies totalled $17,559,908.

Subpena in Divorce.

EBENSBURG—A subpena in divorce returnable the first Monday in April, has been awarded to Ruth Walls Grumbling, of Revloc, vs. Appleton A. Grumbling, of Johnstown. Cruel and barbarous treatment is alleged.

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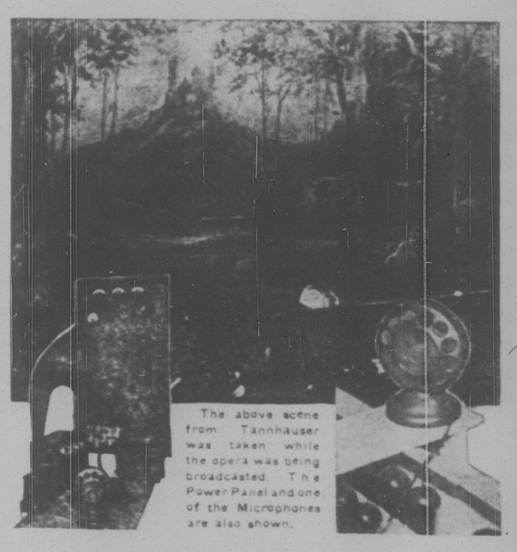

The above scene from Tannhauser was taken while the opera was being broadcasted. The Power Panel and one of the Microphones are also shown.

Radio fans throughout Pennsylvania are still talking of the remarkable success attending the broadcasting of three of the operas that were sung during the recent Wagnerian Opera Festival at the Metropolitan Opera House in Philadelphia. The three operas chosen for broadcasting were Lohengrin, given on Tuesday evening, February 6th, Tristan and Isolde on the Thursday afternoon following and Tannhauser on Friday evening, February 9th.

It was due to the perfect co-ordination of telephone circuits and radio that the success of the event was made possible. Microphones, which are in reality super-sensitive telephone transmitters specially constructed for amplification purposes, were installed near the footlights and at other points in the theatre by engineers of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. These microphones picked up the voices and transmitted them by direct circuits to Gimbel Brothers Broadcasting Station "WIP" in Philadelphia. Here the circuits terminated directly in the broadcasting apparatus, which is one of the latest and most powerful types of Western Electric Company Radio Telephone Broadcasting equipment. Even the applause which followed the various numbers was plainly heard by the radio public.

This was probably one of the most important and enjoyable telephone and radio feats ever attempted in Pennsylvania and the success of the undertaking stands side by side with the gratifying results obtained during the broadcasting of Governor Pinchot's inaugural speech when the same combination telephone and radio was used.

Hullihen-Grove Nuptials.

EBENSBURG—Blake Hullihen, of Colver and Miss Amanda Grove of Nettleton, were united in marriage Monday at noon by Squire Charles P. Rowland, at his offices in the James building. A sister of the bride and the bridegroom's brother were the attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony W. Hullihen, of Bells Landing, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Grove, of Nettleton, parents of the united couple also were present at the ceremony. Following the wedding the newlyweds departed for Colver, where they will make their future home. Mr. Hullihen is employed as a pumper by the Ebensburg Coal Company.