

ROBBED BY TIPS

New Yorkers Seek Relief From Servants.

BILL PASSES THE SENATE

Giving or Receiving of Pour-boires a Misdemeanor.

WOES OF THE CITY DWELLER

Garbers, Waiters, Bellboys, Telephone Girls, and Many Others Will Not Serve Properly Unless "Remembered."

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—A study of waiters, Pullman car porters, barbers and such is expected to descend upon the State Capitol in a very short time.

A bill has actually passed the Senate making tipping a misdemeanor, and it stands a mighty good chance of passing the Assembly. Furthermore the Governor has expressed his intention of signing it if it ever comes before him.

If this bill becomes a law, any person will be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months in the penitentiary or both, if he or she gives a "fee or consideration of any kind to a servant or employe while in the discharge of duty to an employer." The one who accepts is also liable to a similar punishment.

No Bonuses From Trade-men.

Domestic servants are barred from receiving bonuses from butchers or grocers, and all kinds of tips are abolished at one fell swoop.

It is a most drastic measure, but one that conditions have rendered necessary to the minds of many persons.

For years the tip evil has steadily grown worse, until at the present time a man in good circumstances is actually compelled to spend more in tips every day than the average workman earns.

And it isn't a gratuity or an expression of gratification, either. It's a "stand-and-deliver" game, and if a man escapes once, he is marked for all time.

An average clerk will illustrate just how it goes. A certain Wall-street broker, with his wife, lives at the Ansonia, one of New York's finest apartment-houses, in rooms for which he pays \$2000 a year.

This includes attendance, but, although he is not inclined to be extravagant, he finds it necessary to adhere to this schedule:

Every time a bellboy comes to his apartment, 10 cents; gives to captain of bellboys each week \$1; to maid who cleans the rooms, \$1 a week; to telephone girl (in hotel's "central"), \$1 a week; for head elevator boy (for himself and associates), \$1; to waiters in restaurant, 25 cents for each person at breakfast or supper, and 50 cents for each person at a course dinner, which takes up more time; to barber, 25 cents gratuity, and 10 cents to brushboy; together with Christmas donation of \$20 or \$25 for the servants' general pool.

Amounts to Robbery.

This sounds exaggerated, but it is not, and practically the same scale of prices prevails all over New York.

"Of course, it is robbery," assented the broker already referred to. "But we have simply got to grin and bear it. Any guest who fails to produce speedily notices it in the character of service he receives; and if one department is slighted, the others hear about it and resent it accordingly."

"The fate of a stinky man is to have trouble in getting lawster, packages mislaid, telephone connections twisted, room badly cared for and meals poorly cooked and badly served. It is robbery, of course, but what are we going to do about it?"

The tipping evil is general throughout New York City. For example, it is almost impossible to get shaved in a New York barber shop nowadays without paying the "artist" from 10 to 25 cents, depending upon the establishment. Of course, a man can escape on his first visit without tipping, but if he ever returns, God help him.

Brushes for Their Weapons.

Within the past year most barbers have introduced a new evil known as "brush boys." They brush off customers' coats and hats when they leave, and expect a nickel or a dime. It pays to remember them, for it is very easy to damage a coat or hat—and it has been done.

In the majority of the fashionable restaurants, coatrooms have been installed recently. This means an extra dime dragged from the pockets of the long-suffering public. Waiters scorn tips of less than a quarter from each person, with double rates for course dinners. Of course, you do not have to pay, but take the advice of a man who has lived in New York for some time—don't go back to that particular restaurant in a hurry.

These are the troubles of those who have no home cares, but the side of the householders is no better. This particularly applies to those who are wealthy and permit servants to do the buying.

Percentage for the Servants.

It has grown to be a recognized custom among trades people to allow a percentage of from 5 to 10 per cent on goods purchased by servants. They are not to blame—they would lose the family trade if they did not, and they are not out anything for they increase the bill sufficiently, so that the burden falls on the unhappy householder, and he does not know it.

During the debate on the bill which was introduced by Senator Saxe, Senator Cooper, of Brooklyn, gave evidence on the floor of the Senate which materially aided in the passage of the measure.

He asserted that he had in his employ not long ago a man who acted as his agent in purchasing lumber and building material.

This man exacted from the wholesaler a fee of 10 per cent of the cost of the material purchased, which amounted to \$2,000.

Senator Cooper secured a judgment against his former agent for the amount, but has never been able to collect it.

sleeping-car porters will be those on the New York Central, and New York, New Haven & Hartford lines, as they are the only roads which land in New York City. This lot of the New York Central men will be particularly unhappy, as they will be unable to collect a cent between New York and Buffalo. The men on the Chicago run are now said to be contemplating a scheme to collect in advance at the Western end of the line.

District Attorney Jerome, when asked about the bill the other day, said that if it became a law, he would see that its provisions were enforced.

Waiters Receive No Wages.

An illustration of how valuable the tipping privilege is, it might be mentioned that in the big hotels and restaurants of New York, such as the Waldorf, Netherlands, New Astor, Cafe Martin, Rector's, etc., the waiters do not get a cent of wages, although they are expected to provide their own dress suits.

At the Waldorf and other places, in addition to receiving no pay, they are compelled to pay for the privilege of working in the big hotels and restaurants of New York, such as the Waldorf, Netherlands, New Astor, Cafe Martin, Rector's, etc., the waiters do not get a cent of wages, although they are expected to provide their own dress suits.

Dining-car waiters, who have what are known as "good runs," get no pay. Others receive varying amounts from \$5 a month to \$30, which is big money and means little work. Sleeping-car porters get from \$15 to \$20 a month, the best paid being the poorly patronized runs.

In every case the pay of the employe is based on the capacity of the public to pay for service which is supposedly furnished free.

Penalties for Both Sides.

The interesting feature of the bill is that it provides a penalty not only for the person who receives the tip, but also for the one who gives it.

With his well-known enjoyment of sensationalism, District Attorney Jerome can be counted upon to arrest some well-known men and millionaires of the city are likely to face charges of misdemeanor if the bill becomes a law.

But the waiters' unions are expected to fight the bill tooth and nail, and some Assembliesmen are counting on making a little easy money.

Still, if the bill is passed and signed, the long-suffering, long-robbed New York public will rise up and call their solemn butchery a dispensation with the nation.

SEARCH FOR PAUL JONES' BODY

Lead Coffin Uncertained Contained the Body of an Englishman.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—A preliminary examination which Ambassador Porter is making for the body of John Paul Jones, the naval hero of the Revolutionary War, recently discovered a lead coffin. The nameplate on the coffin was very much corroded, but the inscription has finally been deciphered, showing that it was the coffin of an Englishman buried May 5, 1790, two years before the death of Jones. Consequently the coffin will not be opened. The examination continues.

The finding of this lead coffin has the advantage of establishing that those buried in the Protestant cemetery about the time of Jones' death lie in the vicinity of the present excavations.

Prince of Wales to Visit India.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—It has been officially arranged that the Prince and Princess of Wales shall visit India in November and stay until March, making a tour of the principal cities and native states, receiving the chiefs and Princes on behalf of King Edward, who, after consultation with the Viceroy, has directed that for this occasion the exchange of ceremonial presents shall be dispensed with. Consequently no presents will be accepted by the Prince or Princess of Wales.

Congress of Maritime Law.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25.—The International Congress of Maritime Law concluded its sessions on Saturday, having agreed on the text of two draft treaties, one relating to collisions and the other to saving life and rendering assistance at sea. The treaties are being signed in conformity with the Anglo-American law. The congress is regarded as a great success.

Striking No Longer Compulsory.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25.—The Miners' Congress at Charleroi today, in consideration of the fact that the general strike has collapsed, decided that to strike is no longer compulsory, but is left to local organizations.

Hardy Bids Alfonso Farewell.

MADRID, Feb. 25.—American Minister Arthur S. Hardy had a farewell audience of King Alfonso today before going to St. Petersburg.

DANE IS THE FAVORITE.

Betting is Ten to Seven Against the Former Champion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Being tight tonight on the Nelson-Corbett fight, which will take place here on Tuesday night, with the Dane a favorite at 10 to 7. But small bets were placed, as the followers of Nelson believe the odds will shift before the battle begins.

Both boxers have tapered off strenuous work they have indulged in at their respective training camps at San Rafael and Larkspur.

Corbett is in fine fettle, neither having had a setback during the long campaign. A victory means much for either of them, as the winner gets another opportunity to fight Brill.

This afternoon at Larkspur, Nelson entertained nearly 500 guests. He did some light boxing while a large crowd looked on. After being rubbed down, Nelson's weight was given out as being 135 pounds. He will weigh 135 pounds on Tuesday. Nelson's advisers have claimed he will have trouble making the weight, but this was done to influence the betting. The truth is that Nelson is about at weight—135 pounds.

Corbett is also showing his best form, but it will take the nerve-racking work of the actual fight to determine whether his old vitality is behind the powerful muscles he has built up or whether it disappeared beyond recall during his nine months of idleness. He has had a great help in Gans.

Corbett is about a pound over weight, and will take things quietly until Tuesday.

Cullom Calls a Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Chairman Cullom, of the Senate committee on foreign relations, made an effort to have a meeting today, but failing in this gave notice of a meeting tomorrow, to be held immediately after a vote is had on the Swayne impeachment case.

The committee will sit daily until some decision is reached in the case of the Santo Domingo protocol. It is expected a report will be made on the first day of the special session of the Senate to consider executive business.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy are well known and permanent cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially tried by mothers, who will not rest until their children are well. It is especially good for colds, croup and whooping-cough, as it always affords quick relief, and as it contains no opium or other harmful drugs, it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by all druggists.

SEVEN BILLSTPASS

Senate Has a Very Heavy Five Days' Work Ahead.

SWAYNE CASE COMES FIRST

Each Member is Expected to Rise in His Place and Give His Opinion on Each Count of the Impeachment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—At the beginning of the last week of the present session only one of the regular appropriation bills has been finally acted on by Congress and approved by the President. This is the legislative, executive and judicial bill. Six other supply bills have passed both houses and are now in conference.

With only five days of the session left, the Senate still has seven of the most important appropriation bills to consider in whole or in part. Of the seven the naval and the Indian bills have been partly read and some features of the naval bill have been discussed.

Senators generally appreciate that the task of completing consideration of all these measures before the close of the session at 12 o'clock next Saturday is a gigantic one, but none doubt that it will be accomplished. It will be necessary to prolong the daily sittings, and all-night sessions are probable the last few days of the session.

The week's work will begin with voting on the Swayne impeachment trial. The Senate will convene for the purpose of taking up that matter at 10 A. M. Monday.

Monday, Feb. 27, will be devoted to that the voting will consume about three hours of time. No debate will be allowed. A separate vote will be taken on each of the impeachment articles and on every count of the impeachment.

It is expected that the conference report on the Panama Canal Zone government bill will cause more or less discussion and such is quite certain to be the case with reference to the conference report on the statehood bill, if one should be made.

House Has a Clear Course.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The House enters on the last week of the 58th Congress without indication of serious difficulty in completing its legislative programme. Speaker Cannon predicts that unless the temper of the body becomes ruffled there need be no protracted night sessions. However, tradition forecasts a very busy week.

The week will begin with the sundry civil bill as the topic of legislation. The general deficiency, the last of the supply measures, is nearly ready for consideration.

Conference reports to be handled include the statehood bill, the Panama canal legislation and a few appropriation bills.

IMPEACHMENT A MISTAKE.

General Feeling That Judge Swayne Was Merely Indiscreet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—W. E. Curtis' letter to the Chicago Record-Herald says:

A good many of the Senators on both sides of the chamber are already tired of the Swayne case and are getting very impatient in the way it is being handled. They regard the charges against Judge Swayne as trivial and the testimony as flimsy, and are rapidly getting disgusted with the trial.

The principal charge against the defendant is already discounted, for, if he is convicted of misdemeanor in pocketing his \$10 a day allowance for expenses, nearly every Judge on the Federal bench is deserving of the same punishment. The evidence is clear that a very high majority of the members of the House, on their own, construe the \$10 a day as a fixed allowance to cover their expenses while traveling on their circuits. Some days their expenses may be only \$2, other days they may be \$15. Few Judges keep accounts of their disbursements, but put in vouchers for the entire amount of their allowance, and that is exactly what Judge Swayne did.

The second article of the indictment, which charges him with riding around in private cars and accepting other favors from railway managers, is not considered a very grave offense by the Senate, no matter what the public may think about it, while the question whether he resided in his district or not is considered so trivial to occupy the time that body.

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GOOD TO BE

A GREAT DAY

Today's Sales Bid Fair to Excel Those of Saturday

Last Saturday proved the greatest piano day at this store since our present co-operative sale opened. Eleven pianos were sold during the day and three in the evening, making a total membership of 14 co-operative new piano-buyers for one day.

We say it again and we cannot say it too strongly. THE TIME TO BUY YOUR PIANO IS NOW. The piano club is selling more rapidly than we had anticipated that would. More people every day are realizing the true value of this opportunity.

We have said that we could save you from \$25 to \$250 on your choice of over 20 makes of highest-grade pianos. If you would co-operate in your buying, we would save you an offer to equal this. Will it not pay you to investigate this immediately? The pianos are here for your inspection. Prices and reductions are marked upon them and they are pianos that are so well known that you do not need to know anything of their real value.

We want today to beat the record of last Saturday. We will introduce you to understand about this plan come in today and let us explain it to you, and if you do not prefer home in Portland and vicinity that is without a piano to know about these present co-operative clubs, we agree to save you at least \$25 on a piano, and to put it into your home for as little as \$5 down and \$1.25 per week, plus your ever less of an offer to equal this. Will it not pay you to investigate this immediately? The pianos are here for your inspection. Prices and reductions are marked upon them and they are pianos that are so well known that you do not need to know anything of their real value.

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