

### STOP SPECULATION IN SHOW TICKETS

New York Theatrical Managers Combine to Stamp Out Long-Standing Evil.

### ASK HELP OF ALDERMEN

Men Who Now Prey on Amusement-Loving Public Licensed Under City Ordinance—Two Sides to Question.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The managers of the 40-odd theaters in New York City are engaged in a war on the ticket speculators, who for many years have made life miserable for the public. From time to time there have been movements against this class of workers, but heretofore it has died out after a few days of flutter, during which the speculators have never been interested or worried. But no one who has talked with Marc Klaw, of Klaw & Erlanger; Charles Frohman, Daniel Frohman, Lee Shubert or any of the men actively interested in the present move, can doubt their sincerity.

The speculators are "licensed" by the Board of Aldermen. Each pays an annual fee of \$50. Now the managers have united in a plea to the Board of Aldermen to repeal the city ordinance that legalizes these "pirates of the sidewalk," as they are generally known. Marc Klaw says he is in the fight to win, and no matter who may back out, he will throw into the project all the influence of the powerful syndicate in which he is a partner. "We have grown tired of having managers blamed for sidewalk ticket speculation," says Mr. Klaw. "There is no way in the world that a manager can stop it, except through the Board of Aldermen, and we are going to start right out and find why they do not revoke these licenses."

Not Legitimate Trade. "The speculators, even though they are licensed, do not ply a legitimate trade. They come around a theater in throngs of 20 and 30, and stand right in front of your door in spite of all law to the contrary. They attempt to corrupt your ticket sellers, and we are either going to break this up or we will know the reason why."

"Many of the Aldermen are our friends, and we do not want to fight our friends, but we will not stop short in any legitimate action to break up this outrageous imposition on the public. If the Aldermen think that these speculators only injure the rich, let them go to any theater Saturday night or on a holiday—the only times when the poor have a chance to go to the theater—and they will see these hawk-like standing outside with their hands full of tickets for the cheap seats. Why, there have been numerous occasions when they have bought up the entire galleries of opera-houses on popular-price nights."

"Before we get through with this the public will know very clearly who is responsible for this nuisance. It is estimated that the resale of a theater, who pays anywhere from \$40,000 to \$50,000 rent a year for a piece of property, can have some irresponsible party come along with a badge for which he pays \$50, and make a nuisance of himself in front of that property."

"I am afraid some of the Aldermen do not appreciate the public sentiment that is back of this measure, and the number of people who are interested in having this nuisance abolished. The intelligence of New York stands with the first-class theaters, and we think once its attention is called to the responsible parties, we will make comparatively short work of the opposition."

### Public Demands Reform.

Everybody except the speculators admits that a reform is needed, and that should not be delayed. All the first-class theaters in New York charge \$2 for orchestra seats. But unless the play is a failure or a near failure, it is impossible to secure good seats at the box offices. All of them are gobbled up by speculators. For example, "The Merry Widow" was the hit of last season, and the house was sold out every night. The ordinary amusement-lover could not secure a ticket less than four weeks ahead. But the speculators were always on the job, with plenty of good seats, at prices ranging from \$5 to \$25 each. Consequently, if you wanted to see the play you were compelled to pay the extra price.

Two of New York's roof gardens did a rushing business during the summer season. Sixteen speculators stood nightly at the door of one house, the other was guarded by from 20 to 25, depending on the business conditions. Amusement-seekers were compelled to run the gauntlet of vociferous salesmen, and frequently were insulted when they refused to purchase.

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Whereas the man, who is a stranger to New York, and consequently not neck and neck with the speculators, is a native-born New Yorker, like Manhattanites, punched Mr. Jackson in the eye and threw him in the street, and in other ways signified his disapproval. But he was locked up for assault, just the same, although a magistrate in the night court discharged him a few hours later with words of warm commendation.

### Belasco Fools Speculators.

At the present time the only New York manager who has succeeded in partially curbing the speculators is David Belasco. At his two theaters, the Stuyvesant and the Belasco, the cheap seats in the gallery are not placed on sale until the time of the performance. Then the first comers in line are accommodated, but only one seat is sold to each person. In other words, if a man purchases a ticket for four tickets, he must have his party of four on hand to exhibit to the treasurer.

At the Knickerbocker, the New York and the New Amsterdam, large signs are displayed warning people that "tickets purchased of speculators will be refused at the door. Occasionally this rule is enforced, but it is almost impossible to make it effective. The managers, although fighting the speculators, will still permit tickets to be sold at the agencies in the various big hotels. They declare it is an accommodation to the out-of-town public, and that the additional cost, 50 cents a ticket, just about covers the expense. This fee is divided equally between the theaters and the man who has the hotel concession.

One of the best known speculators in New York had this to say on the subject of the war today: "I do not care to have my name used, for it might make trouble for me, but personally I believe this fight

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is principally "hot air." We are engaged in a legitimate business, and I do not believe the Board of Aldermen will bother us. The average theatrical manager, no matter what he may say for publication, is glad to see speculators exist. It means money in his pocket. We take all the risks, and the manager never loses a cent.

Sometimes Lose Money. "Take a big success like the 'Merry Widow' for example. We bought the house out night after night for months. On pleasant evenings we made money, of course, but how about nights when storms raged? We had our tickets bought at box office prices, and had to dispose of them at any prices they would bring. Why, I have handed over \$2 seats for \$5 each, and been glad to get the money. Here is a tip

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Margaret Blum, of Oregon City. The 11-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blum, of Oregon City, was the winner of the first prize for the handsome baby at the Grange Fair, which closed yesterday.

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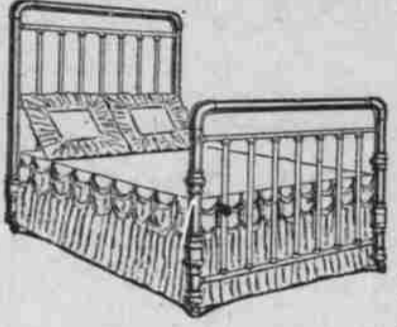


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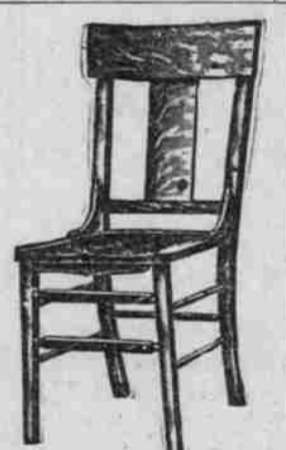
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## JEWES PLAN COLONY

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Region in Which the Organization Proposes to Locate is Considered to Be Under German Control.

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—A movement is on foot to establish a new Jewish colonizing agency on an international basis. The heads of the leading bodies in each country have been invited to a conference in Berlin and the scheme will be discussed presumably behind closed doors. Briefly, the proposal is to establish a sort of syndicate for financing from Berlin a colonization scheme in northeast Egypt and Mesopotamia, although it is uncertain yet whether the syndicate will merely lend assistance to existing colonization schemes or will itself blossom forth into a colonization agency. The latter plan is said to be well within the bounds of probability. There is opposition to the project, as it is observed that already an extensive supply of Jewish emigration and colonization societies exist in the Jewish Colonization Association, the Zionist Organization and the Jewish Territorial Organization, and the activity of these three institutions, actual or potential, covers the entire globe. It is therefore difficult to understand why a fourth organization should be established. If the new body is to be merely a financial instrument, it will intensify the jealousy existing between rival Jewish organizations by assisting one at the expense of the others. Another objection to the scheme lies

in the fact that the proposal is to establish industrial and not agricultural colonies. It is reasonably urged that it is undesirable to encourage the industrial bias of the Jew, and it is further pointed out that industrial colonies must first of all be built up on an agricultural foundation. Especial exception, however, is taken to the fact that the scheme has been hatched in a "hole-and-corner" fashion, and that no opportunity has been given to the various representative bodies, whose officials are attending the conference without receiving the shadow of a mandate from their institutions, to discuss the matter. The fact that the region to which the new organization proposes to direct its energies is one in which German political activity is very strong leads one to believe that the whole scheme originated in Germany and that its object is to aggrandize German-Jewish institutions at the expense of others. The fact, too, that

Herr Wolfsohn, the president of the Zionist Organization, is not inclined to look unfavorably on the new government, although it has colonization outside Palestine as its object, suggests that its object may possibly be to "dish" the Territorials.

Fraudulent Transfer Charged. Charges were made before the County Court, yesterday, that fraudulent transfer was made of 320 acres of land in Grant County to Mrs. Eliza J. Scott by her son, Grant Scott, prior to his death.

Whitney Files Demurrer. Alleging that the indictment drawn up by District Attorney Cameron and endorsed by the grand jury is unintelligible and, not possible of understanding by

anyone of ordinary mind, Dr. G. B. Whitney, charged with the killing of Miss Mabel Wirtz, demurred to the indictment, in the Circuit Court, yesterday. He asks that the case against him be dismissed for that reason. The issue has not yet been set for hearing.

Prisoner Takes His Judge's Name. Baltimore News. Dennis Donohue, arrested in New York charged with stealing a horse, gave his name as John W. Goff, because, he said, he remembered that Goff was the last Judge who sent him to jail.

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