

New York to Rise Up Against Blue Laws

McClellan's Effort to Enforce Them Means Misery and Ruin—Public Improvement Held Up by Tammany Graft—Republicans Take Leaf From Tammany's Book.

NEW YORK, May 29.—(Special.)—On the eve of the second blue law Sunday, New York is preparing to make even more emphatic protest than it made last week. Mayor McClellan's crusade, which seems to have been personally inspired, has caused a perfect storm of indignation, but the general public has not yet been thoroughly aroused. This is because cold weather has kept down the crowds at the beaches, but the first warm day will bring the protest attention home to a great many people, who are at present indifferent. Then it will be interesting.

Coney Island is peculiarly the "People's Playground." Of late years the tough element has been subdued, and the people who go there, in the main, are respectable workers. To the greater part of them it is the only day they have for amusement. On a hot, clear Sunday it is nothing remarkable for 400,000 persons to gather at the island, and heretofore the amusement places have been allowed to run wide open. Even Seth Low, who tried to make the town as mournful as possible, did not interfere with the seashore resorts. And up to the present time McClellan, although in office for over five years, has always overlooked the blue laws, which have been on the statute books from a time when Coney Island was only a dream, or rather a nightmare.

Woe While Courts Deliberate.

The Mayor quotes as his authority for the present crusade section 282 of the penal code, which provides:

"All labor on Sunday is prohibited, excepting the works of necessity or charity. In works of necessity or charity is included whatever is needful during the day for the good order, health and comfort of the community."

McClellan declares he hopes that the courts will give a speedy decision on the law as it stands, and admits that he expects to be flooded with legal proceedings. He does not add, however, what everybody knows, that it will take the courts until Fall anyway to pass upon the question, and by that time the season will be over and many deserving amusement purveyors ruined.

For the Coney Island season, at best, is short. The bulk of the business is done on Sunday. In fact experience has shown that the Sunday trade is expected to pay the expenses of the week and that one rainy Sunday is worse for trade than five dismal week days. So with Sundays cut off, the outlook for the owners of seaside attractions is extremely dark.

The Mayor's statement that there was no objection to religious or educational entertainments on Sunday wrought a great change in Luna Park and in a lesser degree at other places. Outside Luna hangs a large sign reading "An Institute of Learning." The Chutes appear "An exhibition for the practical demonstration of rapid transit, as applied by elevated communities." "The Mountain Torrent," in which one rides around in little boats, is disguised as "An institute for the practical demonstration of gravitation," and there are many others, which cause the learned visitors to smile, while the humble workman wonders what it is all about, and why.

Despite the Mayor's brave promises, it is a safe bet that he will not be able to keep the whip hand all Summer. Nobody ever gave McClellan credit for much backbone, and even Hughes would find his work cut out for him if he tried to turn cosmopolitan New York into a Sunday school, once every seven days. It will probably be the same old Coney Island by the Fourth of July, if not before, unless McClellan has altered so that his best friends no longer know him.

Tammany's Hold-up Game.

If, out of Portland, a needed public improvement, upon which over \$10,000,000 had been spent, was held up by politi-

cians for their own selfish reasons, wouldn't something be said about it? Probably the answer is "yes," but that is not the reply here.

There are three bridges from Manhattan to Brooklyn, but only one of them is used to capacity. That is because the others do not tap the downtown business section. So the city cheerfully agreed to build a subway, which would join the Brooklyn, the Williamsburg and the new Manhattan bridges. All this work has been completed except at the City Hall, where the new municipal building is to be located. For the bridge line is to have a station in the basement of this structure.

Now the entire subway is completed. Except the municipal building loop. And there the ground has not even been cleared, and it will be at least two years before the improvement that all Brooklyn is demanding can be accomplished. The necessary land was condemned over two years ago and the old building sold to the highest bidder. But some of them still stand.

Here is a case that may hint at the answer. On the condemned land stands a saloon that was formerly rented for \$1,000 a year. The saloonkeeper bought it in for \$100. And he is still doing business at the old place, while other unfortunates have been driven out. It is pretty well understood that he pays rent as usual to a high city official, for nobody imagines that he is allowed to keep the profits himself. That would be contrary to all Tammany usage.

While the municipal building is being held up, the city continues to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars every year in the shape of rentals to private landlords. All of which means money to somebody. But not even the newspapers have uttered a protest at these conditions, and contrary to what would happen in other communities, not a peep of protest has been heard in Brooklyn, whose citizens are put to great discomfort.

In the meantime complaint is being made because the new Queensboro bridge is simply an expensive luxury, as the only way to cross it is by auto or by walking. No trolley or "L" cars have been installed, and their day seems far distant.

The new Manhattan bridge will be completed and dedicated late in the Fall, but it will be a bigger job than any other structure, because it will be impossible to close it. The city has forgotten to arrange for an approach on the Brooklyn side, and in consequence pedestrians who cross from this side of the river will be forced to cross right back without touching the soil of Brooklyn.

Some day, but in the meantime the millions spent by the city are as good as wasted.

Dog Saves Two Lives.

Every now and then you read about a dog that has saved a life, but a dog that saves two Presbyterian ministers from adjoining parishes is certainly entitled to a place in the canine Hall of Fame.

Asa Ferry is pastor of the Bethany Church, in Philadelphia, where John Wanamaker worships. His brother, Ebenezer, has a charge at Morrisville, Pa. The two went canoeing on the Delaware near Trenton, their boat upset, and the divines were spilled into the river.

Both were becoming exhausted when Bob, Rev. Asa's dog, got busy. He swam out into the stream, seized his master's collar in his teeth and dragged him into shallow water. Then he went back for the other minister and brought him, too, to safety. Up to date his feat has not been brought to the attention of the Carnegie Commission, but he certainly is deserving of some reward.

It will be noticed, however, that the loving animal rescued his master before he paid any attention to the other drowning man. This would serve to demonstrate that dogs have reasoning powers and think of their own immediate friends first in times of stress and peril.

Charles S. Whitman, who served a

term as Judge of General Sessions, is one of the militant Republicans who sees what is the matter with his party in Greater New York. In an address to his home district the other night he said:

"I believe that the local Republican club ought to look after their poor and needy. It does not follow that, because a man is arrested, he is guilty. Go the length, as long as you do not try to corrupt the judges and courts, and few do that. One of the best things about Tammany Hall is that it does this thing and takes care of its poor and needy, following them even into the police and trial courts. That is the reason why our enemies are so strong in this city. And the sooner we learn this lesson the sooner we will make this a Republican city."

The only Republican leader who ever practiced what Judge Whitman now preaches was Norton Goddard, now deceased. He was a great friend of Theodore Roosevelt and had lots of money. By following Tammany tactics he turned one of the rock-ribbed Democrats into a strongholds. In fact, he won a number of notable victories in a district where Republicans had previously been too scarce to be counted. But Goddard is dead, and his successors never properly learned the lesson that made him a power in the party's councils.

Camera Solves Smoke Problem.

Big policemen who have qualified as camera experts are star witnesses in a case which the City of New Rochelle is bringing against the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. The engines of the company, it appears, have been burning soft coal, which is contrary to law. Several arrests have been made, but in each case the police found it difficult to obtain convictions. So Chief Timmons decided to try new tactics.

He took two of his men, armed with cameras, to the railroad depot. When a locomotive came along, puffing black smoke, the policemen promptly took a snapshot of it. One of the men was stationed at the easterly end of town, and the other was at the westerly end, and they obtained several pictures which were used with effect in the Police Court.

Chief Timmons is highly delighted with the success of his scheme, and believes that he has solved the smoke problem, or at least made it certain that the percentage of convictions will be larger in the future.

Burleigh's Many Adventures.

When John L. Burleigh died in Brooklyn the other day, the papers dismissed the matter in a few lines, thereby missing the chance for a good feature story. For Burleigh was a man who had been everywhere and seen everything. Here are a few of his exploits:

Born in New Orleans, he enlisted in the Union army at the age of 18, was a commissioned officer at 17, and at the age of 19 was a Lieutenant-Colonel. Studied law in Michigan, served two terms in the State Senate and was in line for higher honors, when he decided personally to uplift the stage. Was a co-star with Rev. George Mills, who claimed to be a wonder as a classical actor, and who thought he had a strangle-hold on the Bard of Avon. Burleigh finally left him and later appeared as a star in a play by A. C. Gunter, a dramatization of the author's book, "The Frenchman." It was a failure, so Burleigh sailed for Africa and received his feelings by hunting Arabs as a soldier of the French government. Then he took another tack, settled in Brooklyn, made a hit with the voters of the exclusive Heights section and became a Republican Alderman. He served four years, and after his retirement made several trips around the world.

He once asked Colonel Burleigh for a recipe for political success, believing that an actor who could win in the most religious district of Brooklyn must have it. And this is what he said: "Never make promises, unless you know that you can keep them. Be affable, but do not 'slog over.' The average voter

is not a fool. Do not make long speeches. Anybody can remember a sermon, but a weary flow of words will always drown hearts of thought. Do not be dishonest, but on the other hand, it arouses suspicion to be talking of the time about your own rectitude. If you are a good average every-day man and want to take a part in politics, you can easily get the chance. But my advice is, don't do it. The game is not worth the candle."

And this is the way a man looks at it who has held political place in two states.

Victim of Bad Egg Law.

To Herman Katz and Philip Friedman, being the distinction of being the first to suffer imprisonment under the "bad egg law." Katz owns a store, and his fellow-captive is a baker. They are now comrades in Raymond Street Jail, Brooklyn, and will remain there for the next 30 days, which will let them out long before the Summer is over.

Having aggressive eggs in your possession is a violation of the sanitary code, but heretofore the judges have been satisfied to impose a nominal fine. But Health Commissioner Darlington has personally urged that jail sentences be inflicted, and Katz and Friedman, much to their surprise, were selected as the "horrible examples."

Nobody knows how many bad eggs there are in New York, but when it means jail for them, the probability is that a good many persons will decide that it is too expensive to keep them.

Suffragettes' 1,000,000 Petition.

The suffragettes who have been circulating a petition demanding the ballot for women, have not received full returns, but they believe that fully 1,000,000 signatures have been secured.

"Women must better to strain their ribs by a purely womanly campaign," says Mary Garrett Hay, who is leading the fight, "and we expect to impress Congress with the worth of our sex. We American suffragettes are true republicans, not monarchists, like our English sisters, and when we present our demands for legal rights in proper form, I do not believe that Congress will turn a deaf ear."

The present crusade was designed to mark the ninetieth birthday of Julia Ward Howe, and the result has been even more than the most ardent suffragette could reasonably expect.

The petitions have been circulated throughout Greater New York and the nearby suburbs.

Orphans' Outing in Autos.

One of the most interesting of charities will have its field day on June 8, the annual Orphans' Outing day. Seven years ago, a prominent banker turned his two big cars over to the matrons of a home, and suggested that she give half a dozen of her best behaved charges an outing. The success of the affair attracted the attention of other automobilists, and gradually it became an annual event, properly organized, with an army of autos and large cash contributions besides.

The advance indications are that this year fully 500 orphans will have a day of luxury which will keep them talking for months and months to come. Orders turn their backs over to the committee for the day, and contribute the services of their chauffeurs as well. The machines are sent to the various institutions and filled with happy youngsters. Then they make a bee-line for the island, and are honored guests at all the shows there, for the resort-keepers gladly contribute to make the day a shining success. At nightfall, the children are sent home, full of joy, popcorn and candy, after the greatest possible kind of a day.

This is certainly one of the charities that deserves the support that it receives. Anybody who has been at Coney Island on Orphans' day will never forget it. It has the annual circus day, enjoyable as it is, in second place.

There is something about an auto that seems to impress children," says one of the committee, which has the affair in charge. "Probably they have a feeling that for one day at least, they are rich. And they are a happy bunch, and we who contribute never regret it."

Last Remnant of Fortune.

The last tangible piece of property belonging to Charles W. Morse, his Fifth-avenue home, will go under the hammer on June 18. This means that his wife will be dispossessed unless friends come to the rescue of the Blander's family.

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the mansion, except for two servants. This house is the last remnant of the \$500,000 fortune that Morse had before his troubles began. It was heavily mortgaged during the panic when Morse was trying to carry all his various lines of stock, but finally lost everything.

Cost of Rearing Gilded Youth.

Mrs. James E. Martin, Jr., has petitioned the surrogate of Nassau County, New York, for an allowance of \$20,000 a year from the estate

of her 14-year-old son. She asserts that amount is absolutely necessary for her comfort and the proper rearing of the child, who she says is a prodigy.

A referee, who heard the case, decided that Mrs. Martin could worry along on \$12,500 annually. And this decision was reached after an exhaustive hearing, in which the widow starred.

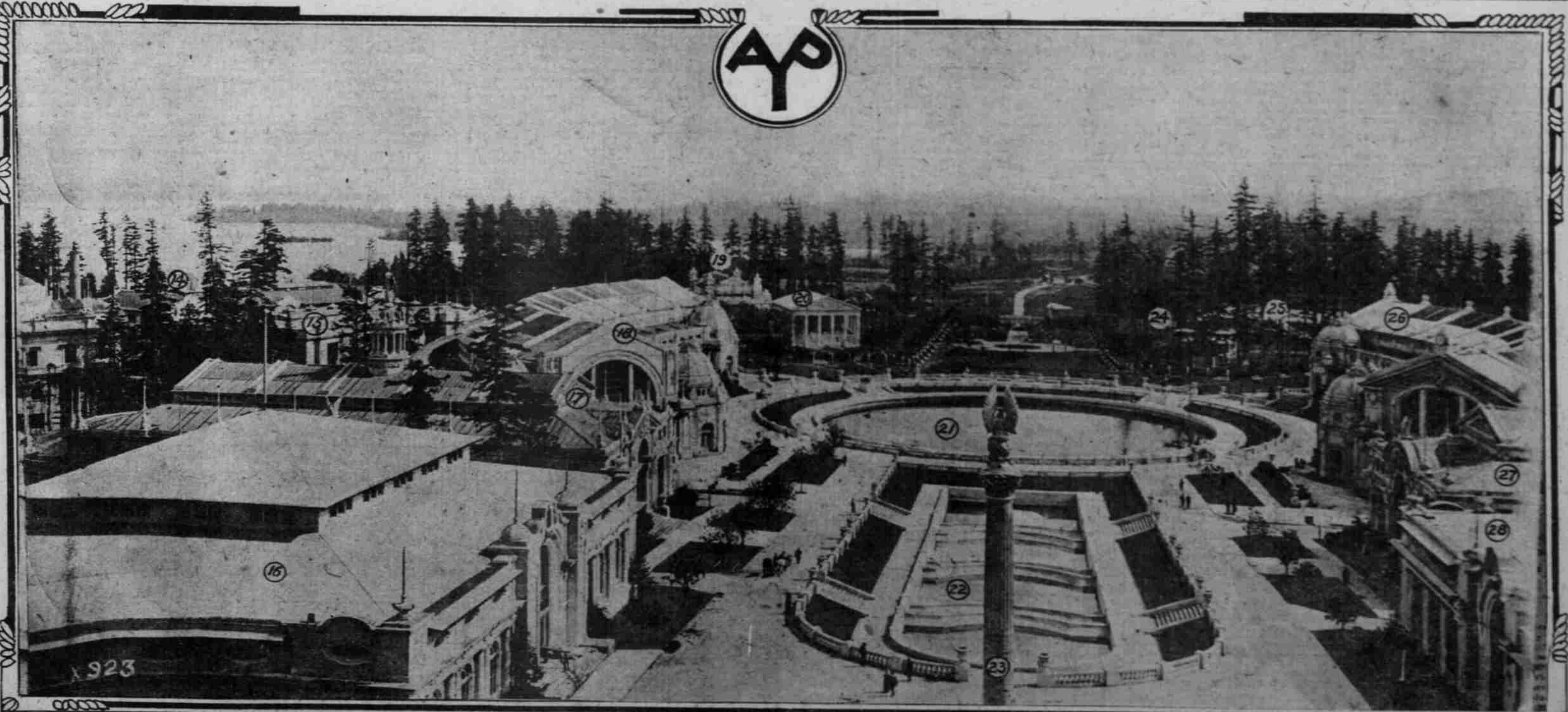
Mrs. Martin pointed to "the eminence of her social position," and told of her need of two automobiles and six horses, and the many necessities of the youth, including a trained nurse and other attendants. She estimated that the cost of bringing up the boy in a fitting manner

was \$2000 a month, which is \$24,000 a year, although it was not alleged that the child ate \$500 bills for lunch. James E. Martin, Jr., was a nephew of Bradley Martin, best known to fame because of spendthrift half given at his home some years ago, and still quoted as the high water mark of extravagance.

W. C. Franchise Not Taxable.

OLYMPIA, May 29.—The State Supreme Court decided unanimously yesterday morning that the franchise at Tacoma of the Western Union is not taxable under state laws, being a police regulation which added nothing to the Federal franchise of the company.

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