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### HOBOS ARE ALARMED THE GREATEST GIVER

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Rockefeller and Carnegie Struggling for Supremacy.

ARE ABOLISHING DIRECTORS

THEATRICAL "BLACK HAND"

Brooklyn Widely Awake to Necessity to Abolishing Directors Who Don't Direct—Banking Institutions in City Demanding Frequent Directors' Meetings

Operatic Performers up Against a Combination to Make Their Reputations at so Much Per Make—John D. and Andy Vie to Outdo Each Other.

NEW YORK, December 28.—That the hobo business is going to the dogs and, unless speedy steps are taken for its regeneration, will soon be a pursuit even worse in character than real work, was the surprising conclusion reached when 500 tramps from all parts of the world assembled in this city last week in one of the oddest meetings which it has ever known. While the affair was nominally a dinner given by an ex-tramp who is a Harvard graduate, it soon developed into a discussion of the decline of the tramp business as an avocation. While the average age of the whole assembly was only a little over 20, its members discussed the situation affecting their calling in various parts of the world. The "Kangaroo Kid," so called because of the long jumps he makes to various parts of the world, asserted that England was the best country for members of this ancient profession, declaring that nearly one-third of the population is either living in institutions or getting its livelihood from some form of charity. The chief drawback to this delectable situation is that tramps find it impossible to "ride freight" the only opportunity for getting free transportation being to jump into a passenger compartment just before it is locked, after which it cannot be opened until the next stop. The "Pacific Coast Wonder" expressed particularly gloomy views on the future and gave the west in general a poor reputation as a field for knights of the road. Another wanderer just returned from China warned his fellows to keep away from that country. Altogether tramping as a profession seems to be on the down grade, some of those present even going so far as to feel that it might become necessary to go to work, since the pickings in the large cities are not nearly sufficient for the country's hobo army.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Brooklyn is apparently more widely awake to existing conditions and needs in connection with matters financial than its reputation might suggest. As a result of the recent panic the Brooklyn grand jury has handed down the strongest general indictment in many moons, directed against "directors who do not direct." Being a member of the board of a bank or trust company ought to be a real job, it was held, and the grand jury scored unmercifully the practice which it found to prevail among certain institutions of electing to their boards of directors of excellent name and repute but of striking carelessness and neglect so far as their duties were concerned. Already, as a result of the knowledge gained from recent happenings the tendency of the public has been to withhold business from institutions whose directors have been dilatory in their duties and to give it to others whose boards have been constantly "on the job."

#### WILL SAIL TODAY.

PORT OF SPAIN, Dec. 28.—The American fleet will sail for Rio Janeiro tomorrow, probably at an early hour although the exact hour has not been signalled by Admiral Evans.

#### TEA

was a royal indulgence two hundred years ago. Tis yet.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—What promises to be a highly interesting and, from the public's point of view, a highly profitable, "war" between the country's two most prominent multi-millionaires is that apparently being waged between Carnegie and Rockefeller for leadership in the field of philanthropy. While there is no avowed rivalry between them in this respect, it was remarked as noteworthy that directly following the announcement of Mr. Rockefeller's gift of \$2,000,000 to the institute for medical research which bears his name, Mr. Carnegie came to bat with a \$2,000,000 addition to the endowment of the Carnegie Institution in Washington. According to the records so far as they have been made public, the great steel master has given away \$136,339,950 to the various objects of his beneficence while the oil king has parted with \$106,355,000 for philanthropic purpose. This leaves Mr. Carnegie with a lead of a triding \$29,984,950. With the resources of Mr. Rockefeller, however, this handicap is by no means insuperable as is indicated by his single gift of \$2,000,000 to the General Education Board. Ordinarily the public is more likely to suffer than to profit by a contest between men of great wealth but there seems to be no reason why it should not sit back and applaud a race for supremacy between the world's two greatest givers.

"Theatrical reputations made or unmade to order," might well be the motto of the terrorist organization operating in theatrical and operatic circles, whose existence has just been brought to light. New York has long been known as the home of various gangs, American and foreign. The Black Hand has flourished here, the Hunchakists have had various murders attributed to them, and Chinese secret societies have from time to time turned the city's Chinatown into a battleground. One and all, however, in their various fields of accomplishing their ends have resorted to force. The new society does nothing of the sort. It is organized to make money by blackmailing theatrical and operatic stars of new discovery and its methods as now brought to light are direct and peaceful, as well as apparently effective in many instances. When a new operatic star has been about to make the initial appearance on which so much depends, a member of the organization would approach him or her as the case might be and demand a certain sum of money. In the event of its being paid tremendous applause would be guaranteed for the first appearance, but if the demand were refused the star was told he would be hissed and ruined. Most of the prominent singers coming from foreign countries where a hissing on the first appearance does mean a ruined reputation, promptly paid. At last, however, one braver than the most rebelled, exposed the plot, and so brought to light the most ingenious system of blackmailing discovered in New York in many years.

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## LETTER FROM GARLAND DIFFERS FROM CONTRACT

PROMOTER WRITES LETTER TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MANAGER WHYTE AND MAKES STATEMENTS WHICH WERE NEVER BEFORE HEARD OF IN ASTORIA OR BY HER BUSINESS MEN—INTERESTING READING TO THOSE FAMILIAR WITH PROPOSED VENTURE

The subjoined letter has just been received by Manager John H. Whyte, of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, from William H. Garland, the gentleman who lately visited the City-by-the-Sea and made certain overtures of a valuable and commercial sort, and while it states, in the main, the terms of the negotiations then offered by Mr. Garland, and considered and accepted by the people of Astoria, it alludes to certain facts and figures alleged to have been incorporated in the proposition which were never heard of before the arrival here, yesterday, of Mr. Garland's letter renouncing the alleged contract.

The letter referred to, contains a lot of specific information, thus given gratuitously by Mr. Garland, which, had it been placed before the people of Astoria, as plainly, during his stay here, would for all time, have obviated his writing the letter of renunciation at all.

Those certain facts and figures, which, in his letter just at hand, Mr. Garland insists that he used in explaining his deal with this people, are accentuated in the paralleled presentation of the original contract and the letter alluded to, in order that all who read may understand.

For instance, he says in the letter that he fixed the value of the improvements to be placed upon the to-be-purchased waterfrontage, at \$200,000, a figure heard of this connection for the first time via the letter aforesaid. That the approximate value of the three steamers to be placed upon the Astoria-Alaska run, was to be \$750,000, a sum first heard of, in the letter aforesaid. That he and his syndicate were to deposit in the Astoria banks the sum of \$1,000,000 in cash; a form of contribution differing from the original statement, which was that "he, himself, would take one million of the capital stock," but whether in bonds or cash, was left entirely problematical in the contract: "That any fair-minded man will admit he was right when he refused to name the syndicate behind him"; and yet there were half a hundred fair-minded business men listening to his proposition, and who practically joined in the insistent demand that he name his backers and friends or give some tangible assurance that Astoria was dealing with a tangible group of business men like themselves. "That no person, in open meeting, asked him for personal references, but that he voluntarily gave a detailed statement of his entire life"; neither of which declarations are borne out by the record of the meeting nor the memory of a single man present. Etc., etc., etc.

A careful perusal of the paralleled documents below, will make very interesting reading for any citizen at all familiar with the details of Mr. Garland's recent visit and public utterances in relation to his proposed venture. The matter is thus presented in simple justice to this community.

#### LETTER.

Portland, Or., Dec. 23, 1907.  
"Mr. John H. Whyte,  
"Secretary of the Citizens' Meeting,  
"Astoria, Oregon.

"Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 21st inst. is before me and in response I respectfully submit the following:

"My proposition safeguarded the contemplated investors of Astoria in every conceivable way; we asked for no donations and sought no special privileges from your citizens; we simply offered them \$500,000 of our first mortgage bonds, being all of the first issue, and gave them 10 months to pay for same and none of their money to be turned over until we owned by cash purchase \$150,000 of real estate in Astoria, and improvements to be placed thereon OF OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, and three steel or iron vessels in actual service, which vessels at CASH COST PRICE WOULD BE ABOUT \$750,000, and \$1,000,000 CASH OF OUR MONEY IN ASTORIA BANKS; then the \$500,000 of first mortgage bonds were to be issued and placed in Astoria banks to be delivered to your subscribing citizens and their money paid to the banks, as trustees (by the subscribers to the bonds) to be turned over to us on the written certificate of the committee of your citizens stating we had complied with our part of the contract.

"THIS PROPOSITION WAS ACCEPTED BY THE BUSINESS MEN OF ASTORIA IN FORMAL RESOLUTION as follows:

"Resolved, That the committee of three, to be named by the chairman of this meeting, be advised that this body formally accepts the written proposition submitted by Mr. Wm. Garland; and that we pledge ourselves and our utmost endeavors to get this money at the earliest opportunity; and that said committee be given full power and authority to act and carry out the sentiments herein expressed; and that said committee be requested to meet and confer with Mr. Garland immediately, and report the result of their deliberations to the adjourned session of this body, to be held at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at this place.

"This resolution, passed without a dissenting vote, established a moral contract on your business men, and their abandonment or ignoring of this moral obligation without my consent precludes the possibility of further negotiations.

"As to the question of who composes my syndicate, such a demand is unreasonable and unusual, and I declined to furnish them, and ANY FAIR-MINDED MAN WILL ADMIT I WAS RIGHT.

"As to my individual references, NO PERSON IN OPEN MEETING EVER ASKED FOR THEM, BUT I VOLUNTARILY GAVE A DETAILED STATEMENT OR HISTORY OF MY ENTIRE LIFE, stating where I was born, where I had lived, SEVERAL DIFFERENT BUSINESSES I HAD ORIGINATED, CONTROLLED, OWNED, AND CONDUCTED, and your citizens had time or could have asked for time to thoroughly investigate them, BUT NO ONE SUGGESTED SUCH A THING AND NO ONE IN OPEN MEETING EVER ASKED ME FOR A SPECIFIC PERSONAL REFERENCE, and had they done so prior to the acceptance of my

#### CONTRACT.

In consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter mentioned, to be well and truly done and performed by ..... herein mentioned as the second party, I, Wm. H. Garland, of New York City, New York, herein after mentioned as the first party, hereby covenant and agree as follows, that is to say:

First, To organize during the months of December, 1907, and January, 1908, under the laws of the State of Oregon, a corporation by the name of ASTORIA STEAMSHIP AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, authorized among other things, to own real estate and to engage generally in the transportation business and particularly to operate a line of steamboats for both passengers and freight service between the city of Astoria in Oregon and Catalina and Valdez and other points in Alaska, the place of business and head office to be at all times at the city of Astoria, with a capital stock not less than \$5,000,000 to be fully subscribed for, at least \$1,000,000 of which stock to be subscribed for and paid for by the first party.

Second, Said corporation will acquire, on or before the first day of June, 1908, the fee simple title to not less than 1600 continuous feet of water frontage on the Columbia River within the corporate limits of the city of Astoria, and will, on or before the first day of November, 1908, have completed on said water frontage a dock or docks, wharf or wharves for deep sea vessels, the cost of which together with the purchase price paid for said real estate, to aggregate at least \$200,000; said corporation will also have purchased and own in its own right on or before the first day of May, 1908, at least three steam vessels of modern type equipped for first-class passenger and freight service, each of said vessels to be not less than 1000 tons burden, and will on or before May 1, 1908, place each of said vessels in actual service on the route between Astoria in Oregon and Catalina and Valdez in Alaska and such other points as may be desired by the first party and maintain the same in such service.

Third, The said corporation shall issue its first mortgage 6 per cent 25-year bonds to the amount of \$500,000, payment thereof to be secured by a first mortgage lien upon all of the above-described property, vessels, and franchises superior to any and all other liens.

In consideration whereof, the second party hereby covenants and agrees to accept, receive, and pay for the said \$500,000 mortgage bond issue, bonds to the amount of ..... payments to be made thereon as follows, and upon the following conditions, that is to say:

First, The second party shall pay said sum to the ..... Bank of Astoria, Oregon, as trustee, as follows: twenty per cent thereof, on or before February 1, 1908, and 10 per cent thereof each month thereafter until the same is paid in full, payments to be made on or before the first of each month.

Second, Said money to be held by said bank as trustee to be delivered and paid over to the order of the said corporation when the said corporation and said first party shall have performed all of the conditions and stipulations here-

proposition by a formal resolution I should then in open meeting have furnished them. Only one gentleman asked me for my individual references and the names of members of my syndicate, stating I could furnish them 'in private and in confidence' and I declined to do so as I had said in the open meeting of the citizens that I had not come to Astoria to deal with committees in secret but with the people in open; that I wanted the people and not committees in secret. This request, made by this one gentleman 'in secret and private' was made AFTER the formal acceptance of my resolution here copied. I deemed the inquiry, coming, as it did, with a threat, to be unjust, improper and irrelevant.

"Myself and associates feel ourselves relieved and released from the moral contract implied in the citizens' resolution of acceptance, and shall go ahead with our business in our own way, using Portland as our home office and as the base of our operations without seeking the endorsement of any metropolitan city and we will be welcomed here with our enterprise and our money.

"Thanking the gentlemen in Astoria who stood by me, and the people and press generally for courtesies extended, and expressing the desire of an opportunity to reciprocate, I am,  
"Very respectfully,  
"(Signed), WM. H. GARLAND."

inbefore mentioned within the times hereinbefore mentioned. Time of performance of the covenants and stipulation on the part of the first party and said corporation to be held of the essence of this contract. It is provided, however, that the entire issue of said \$500,000 first mortgaged bonds must be subscribed for by solvent persons acceptable to W. H. Garland, and the subscription contracts therefor deposited in several banks of the City of Astoria.

These deposits must be made on or before the first day of February, 1908, and if said amount has not been so subscribed, or if the said first party shall not have performed the conditions and stipulations on his part herein required to be done and performed, or in case the corporation shall fail to do and perform the conditions and stipulations herein mentioned by it required to be done and performed, then the said above mentioned bank shall immediately return and repay to the second party the money theretofore paid it by the second party. Upon compliance by the first party and said corporation shall deposit with the said bank, bonds, to the amount hereby subscribed by the second party.

That for the purpose of determining whether or not the terms of this contract shall have been fully performed by the first party and said corporation, the following committee of citizens of Astoria are hereby appointed agents for the subscribers hereto, to-wit:

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Said committee shall examine and determine whether or not the terms of this contract have been fully complied with on the part of said first party, and said corporation, if no certificates to that effect shall be signed by said committee and delivered to said party, upon which said trustee is hereby authorized upon delivery to it for the second party of the first mortgaged bonds aforesaid in the sum of \$.... to pay said corporation said subscribed sum aforesaid.

If said committee shall certify that said first party or said corporation has not complied with the terms of this agreement on his or its part said money paid hereunder shall be returned to the second party, his heirs, personal representatives or assigns.

In addition to the above the said Wm. H. Garland agrees to deposit with the said committee stock in said corporation to the amount of \$125,000 fully paid up to be proportionately divided and delivered to all the purchasers of said bonds.

Dated at Astoria, Ore., this .... day of .... 1907.

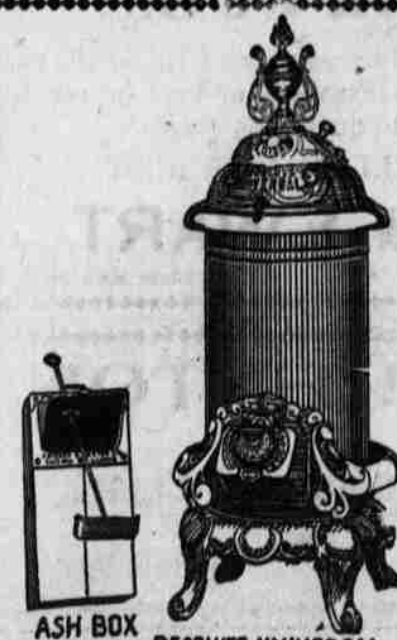
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