

VICE IS NOT GREATEST EVIL

Views of Frank Moss, Former President of the New York Police Commission—Tells of Grafts That are Colossal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Frank Moss, former president of the board of police commissioners, speaking last night at the Universal Thought Salon at Winterbury Hall on the topic, "Things in General," blamed the men who buy special privileges for the municipal misrule in New York. He said among other things:

"This unanimous pointing to poor Senator Sullivan, Martin, Engel, Percy, Nagle and Devery is suspicious. It is suspicious that all the newspapers agree in attacking vice. It is suspicious that Tammany itself appoints to the particular vice of gambling and disorderly houses. I am inclined to look behind and see what greater evil is shielded. The men who might start an organization to overthrow Tammany are themselves guilty of doing practically the same thing. The men who have been building up this system of corruption know that the men who were in control in New York life were buying privileges and were fattening upon the fruits of special purchase privileges.

"Devery is bad enough, but he is a mere creature, a mere product. The commissioners are as guilty as Devery, yet they talk of taking one of them to be the single head of the department. He is the very man who broke faith with a chief with whom he had no fault to find, to put Mr. Devery where he is at the best of politicians and gamblers. There has been all this discussion about vice, but he has done nothing. There has not been a single trial, but he is not the ultimate criminal. He is the creature of a system.

"Craker is certainly an object against which we have to turn our batteries, but I don't know that he is the worst one. There are men in New York who are great financial powers and who have been furnishing the brains for Tammany Hall for years and profiting by it, and they have been using the rough man who is the nominal head to control the

masses and they have given the rough man's price."

Mr. Moss described the enormous value of the subways as an illustration of the special privileges which he said a certain few men were interested in, and he said that it was to protect them in the enjoyment of that monopoly that they maintained Tammany and through Tammany prevented a construction of the pipe galleries which would carry wires in competition with the subways.

"This is the condition, yet the miserable public is amused over dives and gambling dens and the holders of special privileges slyly say 'We'll see if we can get the reformers to put in nomination for mayor some man who won't interfere with our special privileges.'

"One of the biggest builders in New York said to me: 'If I were to tell you some of my experiences it would turn the city upside down.'

"Why don't you tell me?' I said.

"Oh, it would end me," was the reply.

"What white-livered men we are in New York. I have seen men turn pale when I suggested that they speak out. Though vice is bad it is not the worst thing. If it were not for corruption in business life there would not be so much in politics. One can be a railroad-wrecker or an absorber of corporations and be considered respectable.

"The strife that is now on will go on until a force of men who have patriotism and civic pride will redeem the city."

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Blakeley's drug store.

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Tammany Denies It.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The charges that members of Tammany Hall and New York city officials have been collecting "blood money," from gambling houses and other disreputable places of the city is officially denied by the Tammany committee of five. Lewis Nixon, who is chairman of the committee, has made public a statement in which he says: "There is an organization of men known as the 'Combine,' that is organized for systematic blackmail, and they cloak the workings by pretending to be paying Tammany Hall the money they collect for the protection they are supposed to furnish in its name."

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Inventory Not Essential.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The supreme court decided the case of the Liverpool & London Globe Insurance Company vs. Kearney & Wyse, involving the validity of a clause in a fire-insurance policy requiring the assured to keep an inventory of his effects in a fireproof compartment, and holding the policy void if this were not done.

Kearney & Wyse were hardware dealers in Ardmore, I. T., and lost their inventory. The circuit court of appeals for the eighth circuit decided that this occurrence did not invalidate the policy, and the supreme court affirmed this opinion.

Clarke & Falk have on sale a full line of paint and artist's brushes.

FAILED TO SIGN AS PROMISED

New Complications Arise to Cloud the Chinese Situation and Delay Settlement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Complications are again clouding the Chinese situation. A dispatch has been received from Minister Conger confirming the report of the failure of the Chinese envoys to sign the preliminary agreement held by the powers. The indemnity question is causing the authorities concern, and the agitation felt in European chancelleries over the Russo-China agreement regarding Manchuria, has communicated itself to officials.

Minister Conger will try to induce the Chinese envoys to accept promptly the preliminary demands of the powers and begin the negotiations for a permanent treaty. The state department has addressed inquiries to the powers as to the method to be pursued to reach a speedy and effective disposition of the claims for indemnity. Europe will be allowed to deal with the Russo-Chinese agreement, the United States not entering, for the present, at least, into the discussion, or impugning Russia's purpose to evacuate Manchuria. At the same time the authorities think it advisable for the protection of American interests, to keep advised of Russia's conduct, and it is now watched with the keenness with which every act of Germany and Great Britain is scrutinized.

It is understood that the next cabinet meeting will consider the Chinese question especially with relation to the indemnity, and it is expected that this government will finally recommend that the matter be left to The Hague court of arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Minister Conger cables the state department that there is ground for the belief that the empress dowager is opposing the acceptance by China of the demands of the powers.

Poisoned From Hat Pin.

The cause of the death of Frank Sloan, who was buried in Walla Walla January 1, came to light a day or two ago, when it was learned that Mr. Sloan had been stuck in the leg with a hat pin by Miss Ella Boone at the Temple house at Prescott on the evening of December 26. The hat pin had broken off in his leg. Blood poisoning resulted. Mr. Sloan had remained about Prescott the day following, when the pain became so intense that he concluded to come to a hospital in Walla Walla. The X-ray machine was put into use but failed to locate any signs of remaining portions of the pin, yet the patient grew worse rapidly and died.

Miss Boone had remarked in Mr. Sloan's presence that she had never been kissed. To this remark Mr. Sloan replied that he would tell her fortune. He tied a handkerchief over her eyes, following this procedure with a kiss. She resented, and reaching for a hat pin, thrust it into his knee with the result noted. Miss Boone is 15 years of age and well regarded in and about Prescott. Mr. Sloan has made his home at Prescott for several years. He was unmarried and had formerly resided in the Willamette valley. The only relative he is known to have in the west is a Mrs. Adams, who resides at Salem, Or., a sister, and to whom Mr. Sloan bequeathed a bank account of \$500 and an insurance policy of \$1000.—East Oregonian.

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