

"SINGING LEEROY"

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The Empire Carnival Company had at last closed for the evening. The barker had barked their last bark...

"It's all the same to me," she answered, with a tired smile. "I take everything as it comes. Let's see, you're the one reporter this burg supports, I believe?"

are like graphophones. When we once get wound up, we have to do a little talking before we run down...

"When I was a kid at home, I was the whole show. Used to give them the Charles K. Harris before I could talk plain; and, say, I sure was the pride of the village."

to life, I'd be warbling to the golden lids across the pond, instead of singing these tear-starters in partners with her. Mag's a toe-dancer, and we'd been rooming together ever since we've been with the show.

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"Mag had been pumping her friend about the Smith family, and had a line on Claude LeRoy's pa that would have made a Pinkerton or a Dun's Agency sit up and observe. He had run in a cold deck on the common people and got to be mayor of the burg, and nobody had had nerve enough to call his hand since. The mayor's job didn't pay much, but old man Smith was a good politician, and managed to make both ends meet with considerable left over of the job."

"Well, we went out that afternoon; and, say, it's certainly grand to lean back on the leather and just float along. We were billed to stay in LeRoy's town a week, and we sure made him separate himself from some of his father's coin. Now, don't think for one brief second that I'm in the habit of taking up with little shrimps like LeRoy, because I'm not fruit from that kind of a tree. He was too green to be picked, but I thought if I didn't do it and lay him down easy some one would come along, and when she dropped him the full would be so great that he'd get bruised. And, believe me, when fruit like LeRoy gets bruised, it's never any good any more."

"LeRoy sure thought he was in love with me. He wanted to leave with the show, and asked me to see the manager about getting him a job. He'd made about as much of a hit with a show as a ham sandwich in a bird-cage. He would write poetry to me; and, say, it ought to be a penitentiary offense for a man in love to write poetry. I would find little poems on my dresser when I got in at night, and they would run something like this:

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ever bought a cold bottle and a hot bird—only in our case it was sandwiches and beer."

"About this time one of LeRoy's mama's dearest friends told her that her little pet was straying from the straight and narrow path and was eating grass in one of Satan's pastures. She threw a fit, of course, and LeRoy didn't show up that night."

"I had stood for about much talk as possible without laughing, so interrupted: 'Aw, forget it, colonel. You're shooting more steam than your boiler-capacity calls for. I'm no child-stealer. When I start to robbing cradles, I'll come around and take a whirl at LeRoy. Now, about that dirty money of yours, colonel, I couldn't take any of your hard-

earned tin because you haven't got any. You ought to travel with a side-show as a tattooed man. You've got graft written all over you so plain that a blind man could tell it without feeling."

"The old boy swells up like a dried apple in a rain-storm."

"'Young lady,' he belowered, 'I don't allow any one to talk to me like that!'"

American Seaman Goes Back to Work---Free Man

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ness and be reorganized. Specifically, Mr. Furseeth was asked: "What has the Seaman's Act done for American seamen and American shipping, and how has it done it?"

How the loss was growing was shown by the fact that in the five years from 1860 to 1864, 1,018 lives were lost, and in the five years from 1910 to 1914, 5,445 lives of passengers and crews were lost. Men to sail the seas were "crimped" and shanghai'd. All nations were agreed in an international fugitive slave law for seamen and by treaties were bound to hunt down, and imprison or return to his ship any sailor who had deserted from the most terrible conditions.

Then He Began His Fight

That date, 1895, was the beginning of Andrew Furseeth's long fight for freedom for American seamen and justice to all American wage earners. Recalling the date and the fight blew up a gust of storm in the Furseeth mind, and he shouted like the whipping of wind:

"The safety provision that at least 75 per cent of the crews of the vessels must understand the language of their officers will necessarily bring about a sweeping reduction in the number of Asiatics employed and will further compel the vessels of different nationalities to depend on their own citizens or subjects to man their own merchant vessels. This is a further effect will train the men needed for the different nations' navies, and maintain the sea power of the white race."

Opposition Came From England

The real power behind the ship owners' opposition," he said, "was an organization with headquarters in England, most members of its executive board in most maritime countries, and agents in all its titles was the International Shipping Corporation, Ltd., and in maritime laws in any country, if such charge was deemed inimical to the interests of ship owners, and to make the fullest use of laws of the different countries for control of all those who labored for ships or shipping in any way whatsoever."

CARNEGIE, EIGHTY, IS NOT ILL, HE SAYS, ONLY HE IS "TIRED"



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