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THE CASE OF THE MASHER. A San Francisco court has convicted a street-corner masher, a highway statue, a dude lady-killer. The fellow with his fine clothes and soft hands has, under the new vagrant law, been sent to prison for six months, and will wear stripes and labor hard in the House of Correction.

The vulgar, well-dressed chap who has been made an example of in San Francisco, and whose counterpart is to be found in Sacramento a good many times over, was handcuffed to a Chinese sneak thief when taken in the Black Maria for transportation to prison. Against this "outrage" upon a "gentleman" he protested loudly. But if his order represents gentility, what, in the name of reason, is vulgarity? His plan of operation was to strike an attitude at a street corner, or in front of a cigar store, or a theater or lecture hall, and, with a half-dozen of his kind, ogle the women as they passed. He is of fine figure, dresses faultlessly, and evidently considers himself irresistible. If he conceived the idea that a lady returned his glances, or failed to resent his crowding against her, he would follow her and find excuse to address her and propose a ride, a walk, or a supper. Or, he would seat himself at the matinee or on the street car next to a lady, and presently find some common-place excuse for doing her a slight favor. If not at once repulsed—and frequently fright and astonishment prevent a woman from denouncing a masher and creating a "scene"—the fellow would follow up his supposed advantage and propose an appointment at a saloon with a private entrance, or in a park. Married women were the chief objects of this man's mashing, and he is credited with the solitary virtue of not pursuing school girls.

We have given this much of attention to the San Francisco case because it is the first under the new law, but should not be the last until our women are as free to walk the streets of our cities without insult as to move in their own homes. Unfortunately there is quite a large class of men who frequent the streets who have no idea of womanly purity. They cannot form an estimate of a woman whose sensibilities will be shocked and her whole nature alarmed by a single gross glance. To these mashers all women are impure, vain, and are but waiting the opportunity to have their vanity flattered by the attention of the masher. The whole tribe should be exterminated, if it could be done lawfully. The breeding of mashers ought to be a social crime, and the street-corner human statues should be made to keep company with the vagrants, with whom properly they should be classified.

Unfortunately under the law a very large class of mashers cannot be pursued, since they are not "loiterers around public places," as defined by law. But for such there is the law that the stout brother and indignant husband make unto themselves, and we do not recall the record of a solitary case in which anyone has been severely mulcted for thrashing one of this order of men—in fact, it is worth the dollars and cents of a good round fine to chastise a masher as he deserves.

IS IT A FAIR BOARD? The English Commissioners to Behring Sea were sent out to get at the truth, to fairly, fully hear the testimony as jurors, and to report their conclusions based upon inquiry and observation. It is essential, therefore, that they should be impartial, judicial in their bearing, and free from bias. Here, however, we have the report of a conference at Victoria between the English Commissioners and the English Commissioners that warrants the assertion that the commission is prejudiced, that at least one member has already judged the case.

For instance, Sir George Baden-Powell said that the object of sending men-of-war to Behring Sea is not to make seizures, but to tell the fishermen that seizures are suspended in their interest. But suppose the fishermen do not heed the information, are we to understand the commissioner to mean that force will not

be employed to secure respect and obedience? If so, what use is there for the warships up north, and why not have sent cheaper agencies of communication? Dr. Dawson, another of the commission, however, clearly manifested his bias. He volunteered the statement that he does not think there is any reason for the fear that the fur seal may be exterminated, because he does not think that it is an animal that can be exterminated. Dr. Dawson had no right to make that declaration. He was sent to Behring Sea to examine into the proofs that will be offered in support of and against the allegation that unrestricted seal taking will exterminate the animal. But here he is rendering a verdict while he yet has a thousand miles from the sea.

If these expressions by the commissioners are to be taken as indicating their capacity as jurors no possible hope can be entertained of settlement because of anything they may report. If Dr. Dawson, for instance, is already convinced that the seal cannot be exterminated, why should he not at once report his conclusion to his Government? Why put it to the expense of a long investigation, and why pursue his journey to the far north? This same commissioner appears without a respect whatever for the Government with which his own is on terms of amity, since he is reported to have said in response to Dr. Hall's sneer that the permission to the American company to take 7,500 seals for the support of the natives of the Aleutian Islands was "a job," that he, Dawson, thought 7,500 barrels of flour would have been more to the point. To put it in the mildest possible form, this remark amounts to a discourtesy. Let us see if the American Commissioners do not deport themselves more becomingly and act with closer regard for the proprieties.

The English authors and literary class generally in England take enthusiastically to the international copyright inaugurated by the United States. The dispatches tell us that in London the other day, a great gathering of distinguished authors was had, and that the compliments of the hour were all for the United States. While the Authors' Society was so warm in its commendation of the law, the British printers are as antagonistic to the code as can be imagined. They have appeared before the President of the Board of Trade, and are doing their utmost to prevent the English Government from availing of the law. The London Trades' Council and a dozen labor unions have joined hands with the printers in this senseless movement. A more mistaken scheme was never put on foot. But in England the great mass of the thinking, reading people are for the law. The sentiment in opposition to it is a low, selfish one. The President of the Board of Trade shows the protesting parties but little favor. They demand a law excluding from copyright in England all books not put in type in that country, or in a country of the International Copyright Union, of which the United States is not a member. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, whom they were addressing, saw the weakness of their position, and pointed out that under such a bill Americans could not enjoy in England the same privileges that British subjects have in America, and what the result would be if such a bill passed. That is to say, the application, if allowed, would work the greatest hardship upon the English. He followed up this telling point by this other, that of all printing in England, only five per cent. of it is book printing, that American competition can affect. There is this to be said for these misguided protesters; they have been misled by a few of the Americans whose piracy of foreign works is out short by the new law.

It is probable that the next batch of news from Iquique will bring us the story of what may be the decisive battle of the rebellion. Around that city Balboa, at last accounts, was gathering his forces on land, while his naval force is being disposed that a large portion of it can be called into action before the city in a very brief time. The place is the stronghold of the insurgents, who have fortified it against the attack of land forces, but whether these earthworks will fulfill their design remains to be seen. While the insurgents could ill afford to lose Iquique, and its fall might determine the fate of the rebellion, yet that event would not of necessity end the war. The news is that the revolutionary party has lately received a large supply of the munitions of war, and that accessions to their ranks are large and constant. Even if they lose Iquique, while the result would be to cut off more than half their revenue, still it would be possible for a people so resolute and loyal to their cause as are these revolutionists, to continue the conflict, notably from the sea, and so interrupt commerce as to reduce the Government to mere straits to hold the people in check and make them submissive under the suffering the long continuance of the war must entail.

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satisfactory adjustment, but we cannot help thinking that had the English Cabinet stood firm against France, the preliminary steps to arbitration would have been taken without closing the canneries and thus throwing some thousands of working people out of employment.

Four years ago not a State in the Union had ballot reform in force over the entire State. Now Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Michigan, Connecticut, California, New York, Maine, New Hampshire, Arkansas, Colorado, Nevada, Washington, West Virginia, Delaware, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, the two Dakotas, New Jersey, Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts, have the reform system more or less perfect. Here, then, are twenty-eight States that, in four years, have swept into line on this reform. Was there ever before an instance of such progress in a political matter? Indeed, it is, when we consider the power of the boss element, and the antagonism of the vicious influences, a marvelous record. It speaks loudly for the spirit of devotion to the sentiment that underlies free government. If the people were so indifferent to the Republic as pessimists would have us believe, then any such progressive movement as that referred to would be impossible.

The French Government has received a report favorable to withdrawal of the censorship over dramatic productions. As this supervision and autocratic power has never extended beyond the elimination of political references, it will be wise for the Government to adopt the report made. France is a republic of more than twenty years' standing. In all that time the people have been true, and they ought now to be trusted to as free expression as obtains in the United States. If they cannot be, then France is not a republic in a true sense, but remains in the experimental stage. We believe that perfect freedom of expression in France will be found to operate there as here, to inspire confidence in the Government and to strengthen its hands by teaching the people that upon them its perpetuity depends, and that they are not a governed class and needing paternal watchfulness.

It is asserted by the Worcester Spy that the Treasury Department is in possession of evidence that there is an organized movement on foot in Europe to contract and deliver objectionable immigrants in the United States through Canada. The immigration laws of the Dominion are weak, and hence it is easy to introduce there the classes we prohibit; as to getting over the line, once they are landed in Canada, there is not great difficulty. If this is true, then it will behoove us to take such steps as will prevent this evasion of our laws. It will probably not be difficult to arrange with Canadian authorities to make the entry more hazardous. If not we must so reinforce our border inspection as to stop the "undesirables" at the line, no matter what the cost, for, as the Spy says, "we want no more diseased, criminal or insane immigrants."

For one thing let us be thankful. Major McKinley and Governor Campbell are warm, personal friends and intimates. That insures a campaign in Ohio in which blackguardism will not be tolerated. In the towns and cities of Chile all the shopping of any consequence is done in the evening. In Santiago the stores are open till midnight, and during the late afternoons, when everybody takes a siesta, they are locked up.

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