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# LAST EDITION. WHO WILL WIN IT?

Why, New York, of Course! Comes Back in Swelling Chorus.

Prophecies as to the Pennant Winner of the League.

Brokers, Lawyers, Labor Men, Statesmen, Politicians, Hotel Men, Judges and Baseball Cranks interviewed by "Evening World" Young Men on the Stringing Question of the Day—Giants' Stock is Booming Everywhere—Columns of Crystallized Wit and Wisdom.

The interest in baseball in this city has increased wonderfully this year, and thousands of the sporting extra of THE EVENING WORLD are eagerly read every day, while sporting bulletins and ticket takers are consulted by little groups of enthusiasts in every saloon in town every evening.

For the first time since the organization of the National League the New Yorks are the leaders, and that they will win the pennant and championship of America is the hope and belief of most New Yorkers.

In view of this unprecedented interest in the national game, THE EVENING WORLD reporters have interviewed a number of well-known people on the situation. Among those who expressed themselves were statesmen, officials, lawyers, "baseball cranks" and enthusiasts, and people of every age and from every walk and profession in life.

To each the same question was put, "What do you think of New York's prospect of carrying off the pennant in the League championship?"

Following are some of the expressions: THE MAYOR CALLS FOR A PISTOL. Mayor Hewitt—The what? Pennant? I never heard of it. Oh! Baseball! Well, sir, I don't know any more about baseball than the man in the moon. Will somebody lend me a pistol?

Under Sheriff Sexton—I guess the Giants ought to win. They ought to have THE EVENING WORLD bats, too. They are playing excellently, I hear, but I have not had time to see many games this season.

Order-of-Arrest Clerk Barney Martin—I think there is every prospect of the New Yorks winning. I see them play every time I can get there. If they keep on as they are doing, the pennant is sure. About time it came this way! Don't you think so?

Col. John O'Byrne, ex-Assistant District Attorney—What pennant? Now you might ask me to conjugate a Sanscrit verb, and I'd make as good a show as I would at answering that question. The young men talk baseball at the table, in the parlor—elsewhere. But I don't know anything about it.

Ex-Warden Thomas P. Walsh—I don't know anything about baseball, but I have a local pride in the New Yorks, and of course I hope they will win, just as I like to see New York win in anything it undertakes.

John Meehan, nephew in the firm of P. Moran & Nephew, at the "banquet" in Park row. They are playing great ball. I would like to see Chicago win because they take up new green players and make something of them, so that they can draw big salaries the second year. But I guess New York is going to win.

CORONER MESSEMER IS NEUTRAL. Coroner Messemer—I don't see much baseball. They sent books of tickets for the season to the Aldermen. If they had sent me a book I would go and see them play. But they didn't and I don't take much interest.

Coroner Nugent—That's something I do not know anything about. I know more about horse racing. I guess the New Yorks have a safe lead and hope they will win the race.

John Toal, Clerk to the Coroners—Why, the New Yorks will win. Who ought to win? They never have won and it's about time they did! If they do not I'll give up the job.

Deputy Coroner Jenkins—I hope New York will win. I was third baseman for four years with the University of Mississippi nine, but I have not kept much track this year. My hope is for New York's hope.

Ex-Alderman—I guess the boys will win. They ought to win it. They are playing good ball—fine. I guess they have stopped fooling and settling down to win if they can. The sentiment of Wall street is with the Giants by a large majority. The street never had such a good chance to get enthusiastic before about the national game, and they have not neglected to embrace the present opportunity.

The Consolidated Exchange seems to have the most go to its enthusiasm, and there is a regular outpouring of the oil-rit boys into the Polo Grounds every pleasant afternoon. Here are the sage utterances of some of the ball-club members:

Chairman Peters—I was impoverished early in the season by a standing bet of a cigar a game that New Yorks would beat every time. I am living in clover now though. The Giants are coming out away ahead; there isn't anything that can stop them now.

GIANTS HAVE STRUCK THEIR GAIT. Broker Lew R. Milliken, one of the great ball-tossers of the Consolidated—The Giants have struck their real gait at last, and I think they will go on increasing their lead through what remains of the season. Nothing can touch 'em.

Broker Johnny Gutman—I believe in the New Yorks and always have. If they had only played a little longer of the club and less for themselves last year and the year before, they might have got there then just as well as they are getting there now.

Broker John McKinley, another baseball fan—I want to know where the Giants have been all this time. If they don't get the pennant this year the metropolians had better go out of the ball business.

Col. W. F. Moller—New Yorks can't help walking off with the pennant now. I don't see any club ever played such ball as they are putting up now.

Supt. R. K. Cook—I was ashamed of the New Yorks until this season, 'pon my word. They ought to have played, but somehow

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## THE SMILEY MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

The Two Women Lived Together at the Present House, Beach Bluff, Mass. The mystery surrounding the case of Miss Alice J. Smiley, who was arrested last night at the Grand Union Hotel upon the complaint of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Barbour, who charges her with stealing jewelry and diamonds amounting to some \$15,000, was cleared up to-day by an EVENING WORLD reporter.

It appears that some five years ago Miss Smiley, who is an extremely prepossessing young woman, was employed as a saleslady in a store at Charleston, S. C.

Her mother, who is at present the housekeeper of the Hotel Preston, at that time occupied her present position.

The hotel is owned jointly by Mrs. Barbour and her mother, Mrs. Harriet Morgan, of Beach Bluff, Mass., and when Miss Smiley, during vacation time, came on a visit to see her mother at the hotel, Mrs. Morgan met her and during her stay grew to like her so well that she proposed she give up her Charleston position and take a position as bookkeeper in the hotel during the summer and act as her companion in the winter.

Miss Smiley accepted the offer, and the two got along well together until some ten days ago, when they had a falling out and Miss Smiley came to this city to her mother. During their term of intimacy Miss Smiley went frequently to Governor's pawnshop when Mrs. Barbour was short of funds and pawned the latter's diamonds.

Some time ago a lot of diamonds were released from pawn and expressed to the Hotel Preston to Miss Smiley.

The latter is also said to have given her mother \$5,000 without consideration, in order that Mrs. Barbour might show it to her mother, who was anxious to know what was becoming of them which she had given her daughter at various times.

MADE SURE OF DEATH. This Man Climbed to the Edge of the Roof and Put Two Bullets in His Brain.

William Dope, thirty-five years old, a grocery store keeper at One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street and Seventh avenue, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the head.

He got up at his usual time and went up to the roof. He climbed to the very edge of the roof with a pistol in his hand.

He fired two shots into his head, the last one killing him. He then dashed upstairs to shout and save him.

Before he got there, however, Dope fired two shots into his head, the last one killing him. He then dashed upstairs to shout and save him.

The suicide leaves a wife and three children. He had kept his store for about a year and seemed to be prospering. He had not been feeling well for a day or two.

COLD COMFORT FOR HOUSEKEEPERS. Sugar and Chocolate Will Go Up, but of Course There's No Trust.

"It is an association and not a trust," said Mr. F. B. Thurber this morning of the Wholesale Grocers' Association just formed in the Mercantile Exchange.

He said that there was an actual loss on the distribution of sugar; that it cost three-eighths of a cent a pound for distribution and that the wholesalers had only been receiving one-eighth of a cent for this work. They will now divide the expense with the retailer. Of course this might have a tendency to raise the price to the consumer.

Other articles—such as chocolate, condensed milk and some brands of baking powder—which are sold at an actual loss, and these, too, will receive the attention of the association, said Mr. Thurber.

Tunnel Advocates Disgusted. Gen. Roy Stone, Everett P. Wheeler, Apollon D. Palmer and Oliver W. Barnes, ex-Aqueduct Commissioner, were at the City Hall to-day searching for the Committee on Bridges and Tunnels.

The committee had not arrived and the tunnel advocates went away disgusted.

Narrators Races. SARATOGA, AUG. 23.—The race to-day resulted as follows:

First Race.—Fiddlehead first, Alamo second and Remsen third. Time—1:31 1/2.

Second Race.—Lizzie M. first, Bohemian second, Joseph first, Time—1:13 1/2.

Third Race.—Low Angeles first, Alexandria second, Young first, Time—1:24 1/2.

Fourth Race.—Yum Yum first, Laclaire second, Hebeville third. Time—1:16 1/2.

Brighten Entries for To-Morrow. BRIGHTON BEACH RACE TRACK, AUG. 23.—Here are the entries for Aug. 24:

First Race.—Purse \$250, for two-year-olds; selling allowance; three-quarters of a mile.

## GRACE PUT ON THE STAND.

A WILLING WITNESS EXAMINED BEFORE THE FASSETT COMMITTEE.

Councillor Boardman and the Ex-Mayor Held a Categorical Dialogue Over the Aqueduct Commission Bill—Mr. Grace Tells of His Official Protest Before the Governor at Albany.

The sensational testimony of Aqueduct Contractor McBean, of the firm of Brown, Howard & Co., before the Fassett investigating committee, yesterday, and the announcement that Ben Le Fevre, Gen. Thomas, Dave Page and Walston Brown, whom McBean named as persons acquainted with facts implicating three unnamed Aqueduct Commissioners in an attempt to blackmail the contractors for \$100,000, would be called as witnesses to-day, brought a large audience to the scene of the investigation, in the Tweed Court-House.

Ex-Mayor William R. Grace was the first witness. Mr. Grace testified in a positive, determined way, which indicated what is known among lawyers as a "willing witness."

Tom Platt's law partner, Mr. Boardman, conducted the examination, and Mr. Grace, after saying that he had voted against O'Brien & Clark and in favor of the lowest bidder on contracts while he was an ex-officio member of the Aqueduct Commission in 1885-6, was asked:

"Did you talk with John Keenan in 1885?"

"Yes, sir. He came to me and stated that there were notes of Gov. Hill for \$10,000, made to carry on his personal canvass for re-election. Mr. Keenan asked me to vote in favor of giving the contracts for sections 12, 13 and 14 to O'Brien & Clark and the notes would be provided for and taken up, I asked if they were the lowest bidders, and he said they were not. I then told him I could not conscientiously vote for them. Then he asked me to absent myself from the meeting of the Board and I declined."

"What other reasons gave you, O'Brien & Clark ought to have the work?"

"Yes, it was stated that they did the work on section 11 and did it in a satisfactory manner."

"The impression that Mr. Grace was testifying for a point was strong, and Chairman Fassett smiled happily.

Mr. Grace said there were fourteen bidders on section 12, and then Mr. Boardman went on:

"Mayor Hewitt says in his letter to Gov. Hill that the Aqueduct Reconstruction bill was passed against the protests of the Mayor and the people, and his testimony would be that he found no record of any such protest in his office when he assumed his Mayoralty. Which is true?"

"There was no official record, but there was much protest, and I went personally to the Governor and urged that he veto the bill."

Boardman—What did you say to Gov. Hill?"

Mr. Grace—I said to him: "You made pledges that you were for home rule for New York. You are now a contractor, and you are supporting you on that pledge. This bill takes the Mayor and Comptroller from the Aqueduct Board. If you approve such a bill against some rule you political deal is made. He replied that he would have the bill sent back to the Senate, and the Mayor and Comptroller retained in the Board or he would never sign it."

Question—Is it true that you did not object before the Governor to a reorganization of the Board?"

Answer—Personally I did not. As Mayor I did protest against the removal of the Mayor and Comptroller from the Commissioners. I told him that personally I would be glad to be relieved of this extra duty, but I protested against the removal of these two members of the Board.

Mayor Grace said that Gov. Hill introduced him to Judge Muller just before his re-election as Governor.

Then Mr. Grace read from a paper: "Grace—After the election, and while I was Mayor, at the Hoffman House the Governor said to me that he had a large experience in New York, and that if I had any communication, confidential or otherwise, to convey to him, I might talk to him and it would be all right. He had talked with him. I replied that if I had any communication to make with Gov. Hill I should see him personally."

Question—Did you ever have any talk with Mr. Muller about the Aqueduct bill?

Answer—Mr. Muller came to my house after the election of Hill and before the removal of Squire, about May or June. He told me that he knew of a large experience in the same line of work, and he was of such personal character that his appointment would take away the disgrace which had characterized the office in the former administration.

Mr. Boardman next asked Mr. Grace if he had any statement to make.

He denied that his private secretary, Mr. Morrison, had any interest in the firm of John Brunton & Co., and said besides that Morrison was not his secretary at the time of the letting of the Aqueduct contracts.

Squire's statements to the effect that I ever talked with him about his letter of resignation or his letter to Flynn, or ever threatened to remove him from office, or talked with him about the control of his office, or sought through legislation to deprive him of his official functions, are all untrue. The bill he attributed to me was one of them good measures, but were the result of the work of the Senate Committee, and did not emanate from me.

Flynn's statements to the effect that I ever gave him or any one else to understand that I would appoint Thompson as one of the commissioners of Public Works, or asked him to ask O'Brien or any one else to resign the Governor had to do with him (Flynn) at my house or elsewhere about my nomination or any meetings of any kind, are all untrue.

DeLancey Nicoll cross-examined. Mayor Grace declared that he had asked Mr. Boardman not to subpoena him, and that he never talked about what he knew till after he had been subpoenaed. Afterwards he consulted Mr. Boardman, and the latter took notes of what might be expected from him.

Mr. Nicoll—Are you a member of any political organization, Mayor Grace?

Mayor Grace (with apparent relief)—None at all. I never was a member of any political organization in my life.

Question—You take pride in that fact?

Answer—None of your business.

I am a Democrat, said Mayor Grace.

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