

TRACTOR TRUST FIGHTS MOVE TO BREAK MERGER

Denies Conspiracy and Says It Only Follows a Fixed Albany Policy.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, Feb. 29.—The Tractor Trust sent its best attorneys to Albany today to oppose the petition to the Attorney-General for proceedings to "bust" the merger. Paul D. Cravath represented Ryan and George W. Wickens argued for the Belmont end of the merger. The argument in favor of the petition was made by Clarence J. Shearn. He said that the Interborough-Metropolitan merger was a trick and device to accomplish by indirection a monopoly prohibited by statute and common law. He said that it removed the stimulus for the petition and places the future development of the city's transportation needs at the mercy of one corporation. Also that reckless stock watering had been resorted to in bidding for the monopoly, thus fixing a heavy tax permanently upon the people. Monopoly in public service, he said, led to deterioration in service and unduly high prices and disregard of public rights, a conspicuous example of which is furnished by the Gas Trust. The personal attacks for Ryan and Belmont, together with Delaney, Neill, Joseph S. Auerbach, for the Interborough-Metropolitan Company, submitted a brief assertion that no agreement to perform an act expressly authorized by statute could constitute a conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce; and that it has been for years the policy of the Legislature to encourage the merger of corporations operating public utilities and other public utilities in cities.

MITCHELL GOES TO SCALP DOLAN

Miners' Committee So Far Determines Only Two of Proposed Demands.

The United Mine Workers' committee of seven, chosen for the conference of the larger scale committee with the mine operators last Tuesday to revise the demands to be made by the miners, was in session today, with President John Mitchell, at the Ashland House. The committee has thus far settled upon only two demands it will make, for the eight-hour law and recognition of the union. The other demands are still being discussed. The programme as to the Board of Conciliation has been changed, and instead of asking for the formation of three district boards the miners' committee, when it next meets the operators' committee, will simply express its objection to the present board and suggest a new arrangement for conciliation of grievances. It is not likely, however, that the operators will yield anything on this point as they are firm in continuing the present board as an any point at issue. Another point yet to be decided by the mine workers' committee is the length of time the new agreement, if one is made, shall exist. What Observer Sees. It is plain to experienced observers of the situation, that while the members of the mine workers' committee are busy formulating their demands to be made to the operators, they will be satisfied if they obtain a renewal of the existing agreement, and do not expect to gain the extensive demands they have talked of. President Mitchell will go to Pittsburgh to-night to board President Patrick Dolan, of the bituminous miners, his opponent in the present situation, in his den. Mr. Mitchell will return next Wednesday night. The operators' committee will probably meet here Friday or Saturday. W. L. Connell, of Scranton, head of the committee has reserved rooms at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for those days. President Mitchell was asked today if the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, declaring it to be a violation of the Inter-State Commerce law for railroads to deal in commodities which they are carrying, particularly to the coal, carrying companies, would have any effect upon the possible coal strike. He said that the decision would have no effect upon the action of his committee, any way, for he does not intend to discuss reaching the effects of the decision would be, and that therefore his committee will continue to discuss the mine workers' demands unaffected by the decision. As to what effect it would have upon the operators, he would not say. President Mitchell declared positively that there have been no communications between the mine workers' committee and the operators since their meeting last Thursday. It was reported yesterday that there had been such communication between the committees, but Mr. Mitchell denies this.

BURGLAR HELD UP BY PISTOL OF POLICEMAN

"Strongy Bill" Cowed by Revolver That Stayed His Hand.

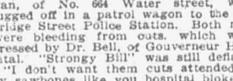
"My hands are up. You've got me with the goods!" And "Strongy Bill" Reed, of the Cherry Hill district, detected in the act of robbing Samuel Lebovitz's women's finery store, at No. 53 Allen street, gave in under a shower of blows from the nightstick of Policeman Waltman and cowered before the levelled barrel of a revolver early today. Waltman had had a fierce struggle with "Strongy Bill" before that climax was reached, for a long sentence for burglary stared Bill in the face. Waltman had other business in hand, too. There were two of Bill's confederates on the job, one within the burglarized store, the other in a wagon which was in the offing, within the deep shadows of the elevated railroad. Saw Burglars at Work. Waltman, who had crept unnoticed upon the scene while the men were intent on their burglary, rapped his stick for assistance, bringing Detective Joseph Kemp on the run. "There's another one of the gang inside the building. Take my stick and go in after him," exclaimed Waltman. The detective, with drawn revolver and ready club, entered by a broken window, which the crook had smashed. In a hallway, ink dark, with only the sense of touch and hearing to guide him, Kemp felt the presence of "his man." They grappled, but a few well-directed blows of the stick brought the fellow to terms. He was dragged outside in the mean time the wagon to be employed by the crooks in carrying off their intended booty had disappeared. Both Burglars Battered. "Strongy Bill" keed and his companion, who gave his name as John Sullivan, of No. 66 Water street, were dragged off in a patrol wagon to the Eleventh Street Police Station. Both men were bleeding from cuts, which were dressed by Dr. Bell, of Gouverneur Hospital. "Strongy Bill" was still defiant. "I don't want them cuts attended by sawbones like you hospital blokes," he said. "I'd rather bleed to death." He was induced by police means to take the treatment. The police found that the crooks had already removed several hundred dollars worth of goods from the store by means of the wagon, and had stored a large quantity under a stoop for removal when caught in the act. Reed and Sullivan were arraigned before Magistrate Finn in the Passaic Court, and by him held until tomorrow afternoon for examination. The prisoners asked for the adjournment on the ground that they wanted to obtain a lawyer. Their explanation for being in the store was that they had been on a spree, and that they did not realize what they were doing.

ENGLISH ADMIRAL DEAD.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Greenfell, who recently had been invalided home from the Mediterranean, died yesterday. He was born in 1844.

HUNYADI JANOS

The Best Natural Laxative Water



On Arising 1/2 Glass FOR CONSTIPATION

Reductions in Fancy Cushions.

200 Assorted Cushions, embroidered and painted, at \$1.25 to \$6.50 each, reduced from \$2.00 to \$10.50 each.

Cushion Slips.

100 completed Tops and Backs, ready to slip cushion into, at \$1.50 to \$2.50, reduced from \$2.25 to \$4.00.

Cushion Tops.

300 Tapestry 24-inch Squares, suitable for cushion tops and backs, at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. ea.

Lord & Taylor.

Broadway and Twentieth Street; Fifth Avenue; Nineteenth Street.

Some Florodora Girls Still on Waiting List

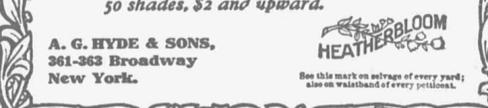
"Oh, tell me pretty maiden, are there any more at home like you?" "At home? Oh, no. But then you might find one or two in the peagee, in Wall street, or in Pittsburg, ar," she said.

All of this is mentioned because the trusting public has again lived through the marriage of another of the original Florodora sextet girls, Frances Belmont, to Lord Ashburton, who peers into the House of Lords occasionally. You probably thought all the original Florodora sextet girls were married years ago. But not so. Let a member of the peagee—Burke's or any of the old-established lines—run around loose offering a title in exchange for a former original F. D. girl, and there will be a stampede from the side-streets that would astonish him. Let a Pittsburg person, ejected from the Waldorf by the haughty Oscar for not wearing a walter suit after a wave a bundle of green and yellow government trading-stamps and announce his intention of making an O. F. D. girl his blushing bride, and he will think that the stage manager has sent out the third alarm for a rush rehearsal. Wall street brokers with a neat side line of automobile and lobster pickled in wealthy water may not get away with the rallying call as easily as the British coronet-wearers, but they manage to find the former Originals lurking around somewhere. According to the arithmetic they taught when we went to school, a sextet was supposed to contain six. And been 229 original Florodora sextet girls married since there were such things. But then, maybe we weren't good at figures, and the original Florodora girls were oh! so good as to figures—in fact, figures were their strong points. Nothing but figures. And figures never lie. Children, if you would be an original Florodora girl, be very good as to figures. Slight arithmetic at that. Would you wear a coronet, which is stylish season in and season out, instead of fixing over your old last winter's lid? Then study figures and how to cultivate them. Would you have a Wall street broker serenading beneath your window and playing the wedding march on an auto-horn, or have a Pittsburg person giving an imitation of a country with his money? Figures will do it. The Belmont-Ashburton marriage shows that the O. F. D. girl supply is inexhaustible. Its stock is the best and can always be depended on for weddings. The British peagee alone has enough of them to make several double sextets. Wall street could furnish a sextet. Pittsburg has grown weary of getting pretty ladies by the way they swished their skirts and wigged their top-hats. But the original Florodora sextet girls will keep on marrying until something new breaks out of the theatrical woods that will take all the glamour out of being an Original. Until then, "The more the merrier."

Ripple it through your fingers; the touch suggests silk. Marvel at its glorious lustr. Listen to its soft, silky rustle.

That's Heatherbloom Taffeta, the new fabric that takes the place of silk, not because it's so much cheaper but because it's so much better for every purpose for which taffeta silk is used—Underlinings, Drop-skirts, Petticoats.

By the yard at all lining counters. 150 shades, 36 inches wide, 35c a yd. Petticoats at petticoat departments. 50 shades, \$2 and upward.



A. G. HYDE & SONS, 361-363 Broadway New York.

Stern Brothers

Millinery Dept (First Floor)

Showing of the Latest Novelties for Early Spring Wear in Untrimmed French Hats in the Newest Straws and Most Fashionable Shapes.

A large variety of Trimmed Tailored Hats, at \$2.95, 3.75, 4.45

Leather Goods

Complete Assortment of Travelling Bags & Suit Cases.

Special, To-morrow

Travelling Bags, of Walmus Leather, heavy gilt trimmings,	14 in. \$5.35,	15 in. \$5.65,	16 in. \$5.95
Strap Books, with inside frame, in seal or colored morocco,	1.80		
Hand Bags, covered frame, fitted with purse, in seal or fancy calf,	2.95		
Fine Kid Belts, in black, white and light shades,	95c, 1.25		

To-morrow an Importation of Table and Bed Linens

consisting of Damask Table Cloths, Napkins, Linen Sheets and Pillow Cases,

At Large Reductions from Prevailing Prices.

TABLE CLOTHS	2x2 yds. \$1.60, 2.45	2x2 1/2 " 2.00, 3.25	2x3 " 2.35, 3.85
NAPKINS TO MATCH	Breakfast Size, Doz. \$1.75, 2.38	Dinner Size, " 2.35, 3.00	
LINEN PILLOW CASES, Hemstitched, 22 1/2 x 36 in.	Pr. 85c, 1.25		
LINEN SHEETS, Hemstitched, Full Size,	Pr. \$5.50, 8.75		

An Offering of Muslin Sheets, Pillow & Bolster Cases

Sheets	Plain	Hemst'd	Pillow Cases	Plain	Hemst'd
1 1/2 x 2 1/2 yds.,	47c	57c	21 x 36 ins.,	13c	17c
1 3/4 x 2 3/4 " "	55	65	22 1/2 x 36 " "	14	18
2 x 2 3/4 " "	62	72	25 x 36 " "	15	19
2 x 3 " "	69	79	27 x 36 " "	16	20
2 1/4 x 3 1/4 " "	70	80	Bolster Cases		
2 1/2 x 3 " "	77	87	21 x 54 ins.,	22	32
2 3/4 x 3 " "	78	88	21 x 63 " "	25	35
2 3/4 x 3 1/2 " "	85	95	21 x 72 " "	27	37
2 3/4 x 3 3/4 " "	95	1.05	22 1/2 x 72 " "	32	42

West Twenty-third Street

To-Morrow's Hosiery Special.

Positively for One Day Only.

Women's very sheer transparent Gauze Lisle Thread, untearable; jet black and absolutely fast color.

Value 25c. Pair; One Day Only at..... 12 1/2c

ADAMS

DRY GOODS CO.

Closed Thursday, Shop To-morrow.

Favors, Etc., For the 22d.

Large Hatches, 5c. each.
Small Hatches, 2c.; 20c. dozen.
Pin Flags, 5c. to 60c. doz.
Rustic Logs, 8c. to 80c.
Cherries, 8c., 10c. to 95c.
Flag Boxes, 5c. to 50c.
Washington Hats, 6c. to 10c.
Ice Cups, 10c. to 60c.
Shield Cups, 2c. each.
Jack Hammer Pins, \$1.08 and up.
CANDY STORE.

This Folding Couch Bed and Cover

\$5.88 A Regular \$10.00

Outfit:—To-morrow, \$5.88

An Iron Folding Couch—one that makes itself into a bed with the least possible effort. With the bed we shall supply to-morrow a very handsome Oriental striped Couch Cover, fringed all around and full three yards long.

This Folding Couch Bed has a bronze iron frame and is fitted with National wire springs with helical ends. The picture at the left shows it undressed, with both sides elevated, to make a double bed; when these sides are dropped and the couch cover is adjusted you have the couch as shown at the right.

The whole outfit, with Mattress and Cover, to-morrow for \$5.88



You Can Save a Third on New Spring SILKS

We are ready for the busiest silk season this store has ever known—for silks are to be greatly in favor. A splendid stock is here to greet you—complete to the minutest detail. Many of these Silks are priced fully a third below what others ask. Witness:

5,000 yards of ROUGH SHANTUNG SUITING—27 inches wide—every delicate color is represented; regular value 75c., at, yard	48c
1,500 yards of GUN-METAL PONGEE SILKS—27 inches wide—regular value 50c., at.....	39c
2,500 yards of BROCHE SILKS in the gray effects—regular value \$1, at.....	69c
2,000 yards of PRINTED SATIN FOULARDS, in broche effects; regular value \$1.25, at.....	89c
1,200 yards of "RADIUM" PEAU DE CYGONES—in a full line of street and evening shades—including black—regular value 75c., at, yard	49c
3,500 yards of IMPORTED BLACK DRESS TAFFETAS; real value 75c.	55c
1,500 yards of YARD-WIDE BLACK DRESS IMPORTED TAFFETA; real value \$1.50,	95c
1,200 yards BLACK DRESS PEAU DE SOIE—an imported quality; value \$1.50	89c

Continuing the Sensational Sale of Men's Shirts

The man who needs new shirts for the Holiday should not miss getting his share from the lots offered below—all of which are exceptional value.

Negligee Shirts at Worth up to 1.00.	50c
Stiff Bosom and Pleated Negligee Shirts, Worth up to 1.00	69c
Stiff Bosom Shirts, Worth 1.50 and 2.00.	1.00

Styles are the best you'll see in New York this 1905 season—patterns are varied—and a great many of them. Don't miss the sale.

Men's Finest \$25 Lined Tuxedo \$15

Three hundred Suits—and every man who does not possess one will wish to participate in this sale—for they are the equal of any custom-made Tuxedos in every particular, beautifully lined and finished. Sorry we haven't more of them, for they'll create a great stir to-morrow.

Made of fine black cloth; lined and faced with silk; made in the very newest models, cut almost square in front, with large lapels, etc.; in fact, the most fashionable Suits it is possible to buy.

Ready To-morrow Morning—on the 3d Floor.

29c Square Yard for Cork Linoleum Worth 59c.

This is not a sale of little short pieces to attract a crowd, but it represents a purchase of five thousand yards from one of the leading manufacturers. Genuine Cork Linoleum—full TWO YARDS WIDE, and never sold anywhere for less than 49c. and 59c. a yard. Splendid array of patterns and colorings, and they ought to go in a day's selling.

Another Lot of 3.50 Pure Silk Umbrellas. If we had six thousand of these pure silk Umbrellas instead of four hundred and fifty, we would give them a quarter-page announcement this morning. But we must limit the publicity in line with quantity. They are beyond a doubt the greatest bargain New York has ever seen in the way of umbrellas. Just one thing as important as the price—be here early if you want one.

Made of a waterproof quality of pure thread imported Twill Silk, with wide tape edge; pure jet black. Handles are perfectly plain Box and Purse woods— but very handsome in their simplicity.

They are made with eight ribs; have the Standard paragon frames, very close rolling; fitted with case and tassel to match.

Women's 26-inch at \$1.35 Men's 28-inch at \$1.55

We have never seen their values duplicated in special sales for less than \$3.00 and \$3.50, respectively.

First Floor, Cross Aisle.

American Sewing Machine, 14.95

Sold by Agents Everywhere at \$45. Introductory Price. The American Sewing Machine, so far as expert judgment goes, we believe to be about the best yet produced. It is a little in advance of our famous "Waltham"—and this is saying a good deal. We want to show you this machine, explain to you its working parts, how they are made and finished; the excellent material used in case and frame. It has the popular DROP HEAD. GUARANTEED FOR TEN YEARS.

Another Lot of Elegant \$6.50 Silk Petticoats, \$3.95

Here is a Silk Petticoat that will provide you with the sort of service you've a right to expect; a Petticoat that you cannot duplicate in any store for less than \$6 or \$6.50—yet we contracted for so many that we can part with three hundred to-morrow at \$3.95. They are made of a superior quality of tafeta; very heavy and firm; rich and lustrous.

All Leading Colors.

Cut very full and generous; finished with a deep row of accordion pleating and three deep ruffles. Description is slightly enough, isn't it? So are the Petticoats.

Second Floor.

Ten Thousand Gas Mantles Worth from 20c to 10c

35c, To-morrow at 10c

One of the largest makers of Gas Mantles has sold to us his complete overstock and odd lots, representing hundreds of kinds, and bearing a great many labels and brands.

While the Mantles are very similar in character, each store generally has its own labels placed on the boxes. A store may order 50 dozens of a kind, but 50 dozens may come through the work; so the maker has three dozens left on his hands.

This is the sort of stock we have for this sale—all told, very close to 10,000 Mantles.

They are the best of all mantles, being double wired and capped; besides they have a special coating which gives them much longer life, together with a wonderfully brilliant light.

Choose from the entire lot to-morrow at 10c, each. Buy as many as you like, and you'll be practising real economy in doing so.

Basement.

LOOK OUT, COPS, FOR BINGHAM'S NEW AUTOS.

Deputies Will Search for Delinquents in Three Wind-Beating Machines.

Police Commissioner Bingham wants three new automobiles for his deputies. The under Commissioners have been compelled to ride about in plebian gigs, and to want puff wagons, and of a high-grade machine for the cops. Bingham asks the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for \$15,000, that is \$5,000 each. The fashionable request would turn their noses up at a twelve-horse-power loco. They must have the forty-horse-power wind-beater to ride on. They give as a reason, says police gossip, that vulgar horse-drawn gigs are such oddities in this modern world that the cops can see them coming blocks away and avoid being caught in a moment of unwelcome.

Commissioner Bingham now has a fine Panhard, but wishes to hold this in reserve in case of accident to his other machine.