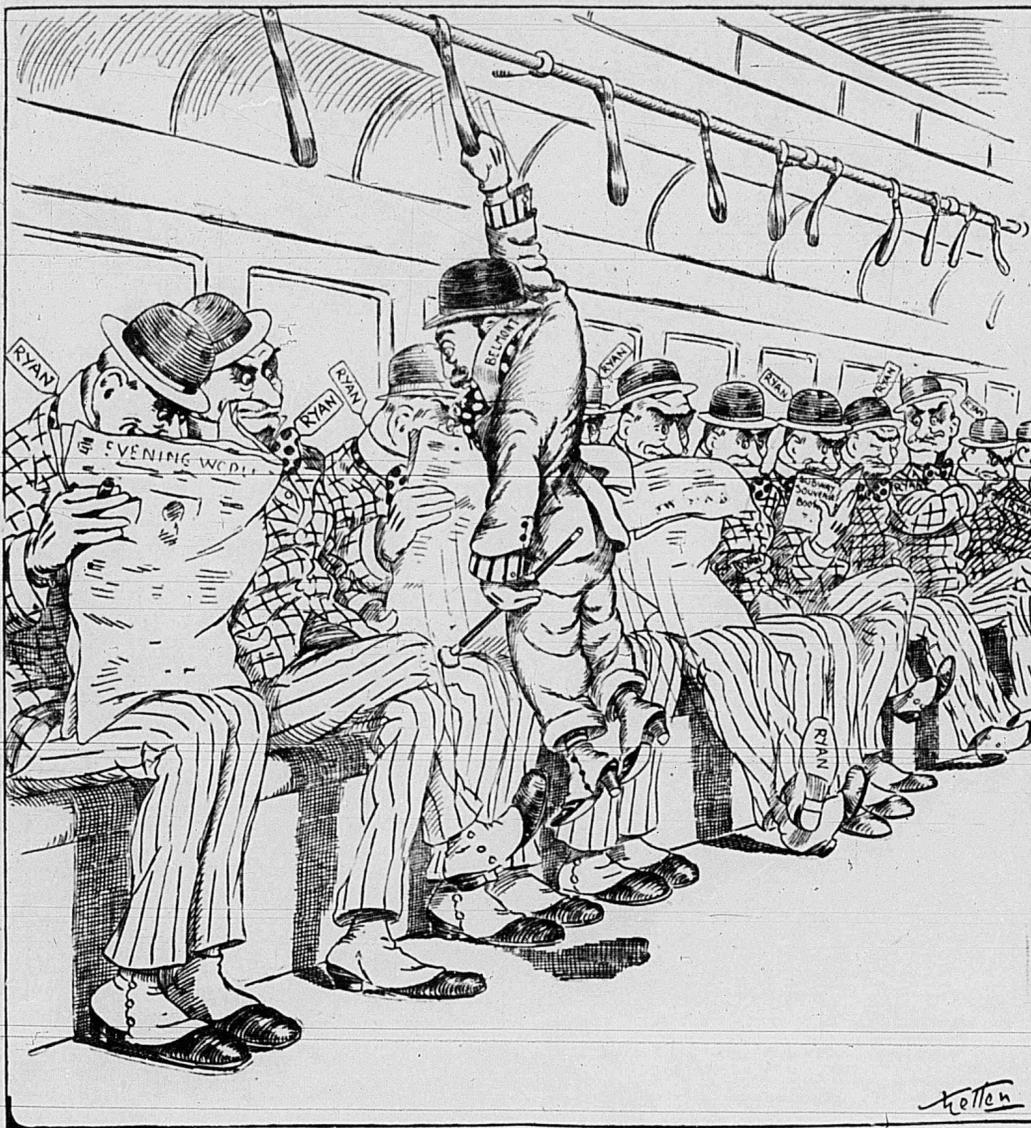


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"I Have Been a Straphanger!" - BELMONT.

By Maurice Ketten.



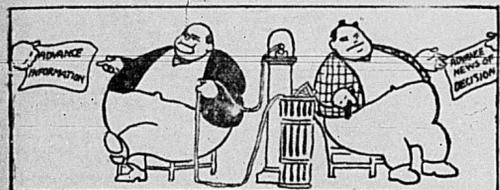
A COINCIDENCE.



A coincidence to which the Evening Post calls attention the high financiers who control the public service corporations of this city have gone again to the same judge of the same Federal court.

When old Henry Hart was being stripped of the Third Avenue Railroad application was made to the Federal court for a receiver. The appointment of a receiver promptly depressed the prices of Third Avenue stock. Margins were swept away. Loans were called. Henry Hart's life-long property was taken away from him, only to reappear as \$15,995,800 guaranteed 6 per cent. dividend stock and \$41,943,000 guaranteed bonds in the Metropolitan merger.

When the State of New York reduced by law the price of gas to 80 cents per thousand feet Mr. Ryan's friends applied to the same judge and the same Federal court, who appointed a referee and issued an injunction, as the result of which the people of New York did not get 80-cent gas. It will be recalled that the decision of this referee was known in Wall Street some time before it was made public, and that stock speculators and politicians had knowledge in advance of the public.



Now comes the bankruptcy of the New York City Railway Company, lessee of the street car lines of Manhattan and the Bronx, including the old Third Avenue stock and the old Metropolitan. It guaranteed 7 per cent. on the Metropolitan's \$52,000,000 stock. Through this guarantee the men who devised this fraud were enabled to sell their stock holdings at a high price to innocent investors.

For this purpose they paid unearned dividends. They made false reports. They concealed their liabilities for damage suits. They failed to pay their taxes. The last city bond issue of \$40,000,000 would have had no excuse had the city collected the \$32,000,000 which the public service corporations owe the city treasury.

As soon as the stock was unloaded the dividends were stopped to save the expense.

The next step in proper procedure would be for the District-Attorney to present to the Grand Jury the many violations of the law by these men, and for the Utilities Commission, created by the laws of this State where all the property of these corporations is situated, to take the necessary steps for reform and reorganization.

To prevent this these high financiers have gone again to the same judge of the same Federal court. He has appointed two receivers. The Federal court's assumption of jurisdiction ousts the Public Utilities Commission from taking charge of the situation. To any orders for better service, more cars, increased facilities and honest accounting the Metropolitan magnates can now plead the protection of a Federal court.

How long this receivership will continue no one can prophesy. The Third Avenue receivership continued until everything was arranged profitably to Mr. Thomas F. Ryan and his associates.

These facts are noted without comment, because The Evening World, like the rest of the people of New York, is ignorant of the real relations and the purpose of the parties to these transactions except that, judging from the past, the future can be surmised.

THE JARR FAMILY ROY L. MCARDELL

"NOW don't you keep me waiting!" said Mrs. Jarr as she put the final touches to her toilet. "I'm not the one that does the standing up," said Mr. Jarr, somewhat sullenly. "If you kept your appointments as promptly as I did there'd be no fault to find."

How to Tell a Story Well.

By Richard Thomas Wyche, President of the National Story Tellers' League.

The president of the National Story Tellers' League, Richard Thomas Wyche, who is forty years old, small and somewhat stout, gives this as a simple, humorous story: A New York school teacher was visiting at a Maine resort. Seeing a group of fishermen smoking their pipes, she approached one of them and asked what the fishermen did to occupy their time.

The Love That Goes Unspoken

THESE can be no more bitter moments in a woman's life than that in which she realizes that her marriage has been a mistake. "She has pledged her woman's affection. She has given her all in it!"

Did It Ever Occur to You—

WHAT a disreputable fellow the letter D is! It is always in debt, disgrace, distress, despair and never out of difficulties, says the Philadelphia Bulletin. It is the beginning of dishonesty and figures largely in divorce.

Reddy the Rooter.



Just a Few Frivols.

THE worst liar is always the best one. The man who insists on blowing his own horn is always out of tune with the rest of the band. Fine feathers make fine bills. It is only natural that a woman who wears her hair in waves and a waterfall should throw a jamper on things.

A City of Cruelty.

WONDERFUL discoveries have been made in the ruins of the ancient city of Gezer, in Palestine. Prof. Stewart Macalister, who is now at work on the site, has discovered the ruins of eight cities or periods of building there, going back to ancient cave-dwellers, 3,000 years B. C.

Concrete Replaces Timber.

CONCRETE telegraph poles are coming into very general use in sections where those of wood are not so readily accessible, and in some locations they are very economical. A metal framework is built up and the concrete forced around it, the pole being octagonal and slightly tapering.

Letters from the People.

No Special System. No. To the Editor of The Evening World: I would you please inform me whether you obtain the varied and extensive information of which you are possessed from any special work written for that purpose, or by any special system? I would you also recommend to me a reliable firm which keeps posted on present day events, foreign and domestic, and which supplies its subscribers with statistics, etc. Such, for example, as editors and journalists use. H. B.