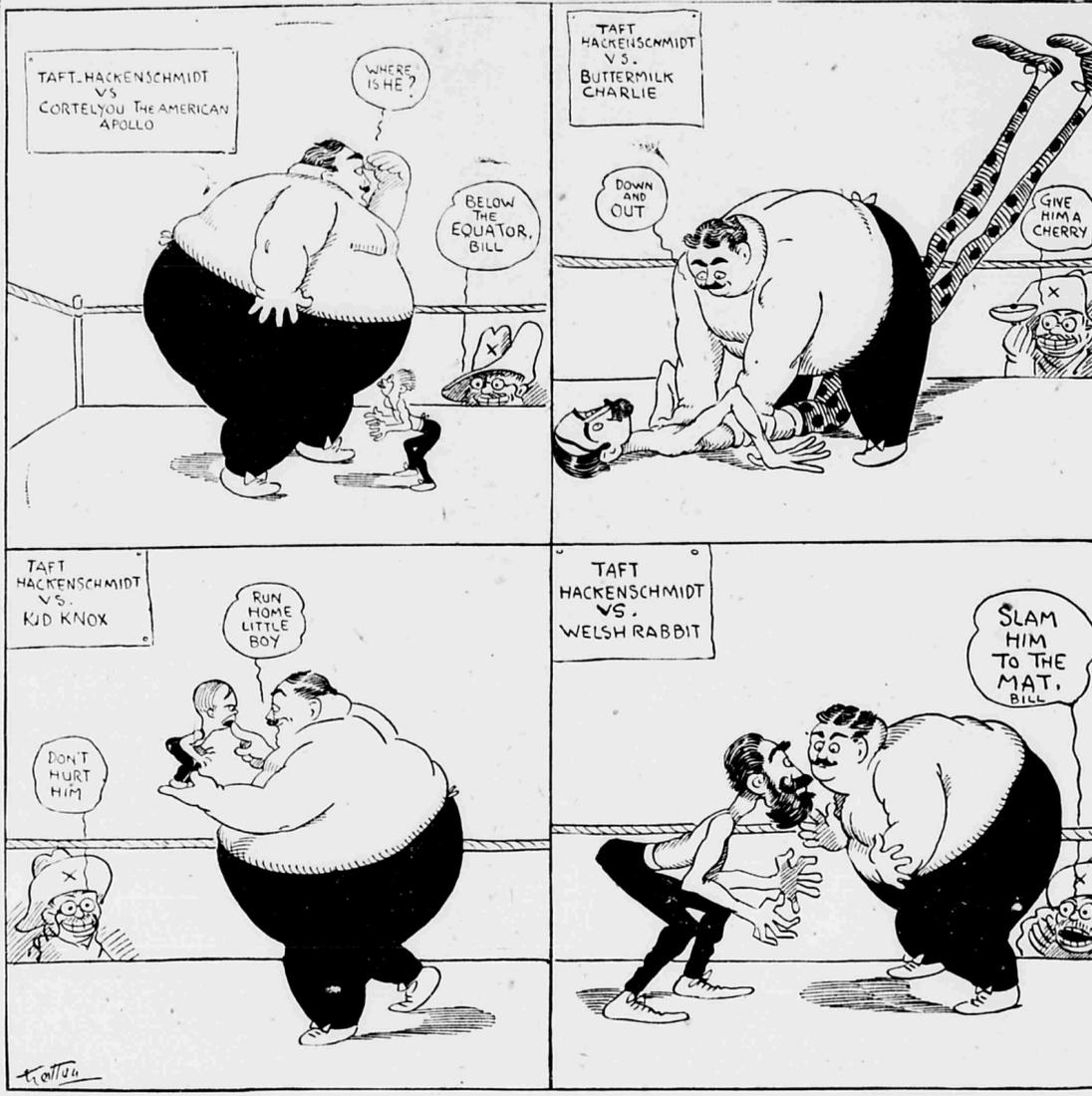




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Nomination Wrestling Bouts.

By Maurice Ketten.



The Story of the Operas

By Albert Payson Terhune. NO. 24—ROSSINI'S "BARBER OF SEVILLE." COUNT ALMAVIVA, a dashing young Sevillian nobleman, found himself desperately in love with pretty Rosina, ward of Dr. Bartolo.

DO IT NOW.



THROUGH its secretary the Public Service Commission has written to the Assembly saying that it has the power to order a five-cent Coney Island fare.

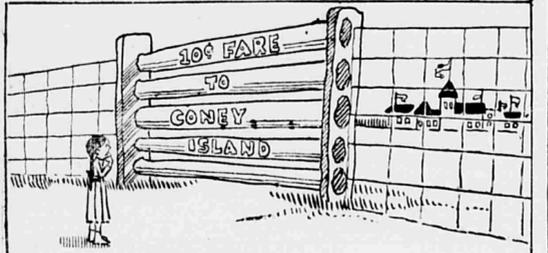
If the Public Service Commission has the power to order a five-cent Coney Island fare, why in the name of all that is inscrutable has it not done so?

Why has it delayed making any remarks on this subject until The Evening World's bill, introduced by Assemblyman Wagner, was referred to the Railroad Committee and the time for hearings on it had arrived?

If the Public Service Commission should order a Coney Island five-cent fare the B. R. T. would doubtless get an injunction and carry the case to the Court of Appeals on the ground that, as stated in the last decision, the change should have been made by the Legislature.

Now that the Public Service Commission has asserted its power it should promptly exercise it. The Legislature should also pass the Wagner bill.

Then let the B. R. T. take its choice, and whichever was the right way to do it will accomplish the work.



Also, why does not the Public Service Commission reduce the price of gas to 85 cents?

Judge Hough, of the United States Court, in holding that 80-cent gas was "confiscatory" also decided that 85-cent gas would allow 6 per cent. profit on both the plant and the franchises and was constitutional.

It will be some time before the decision of Judge Hough is reviewed by the United States Supreme Court and the question whether a franchise is property or a privilege, and whether 5 per cent. or 6 per cent. is a constitutional rate of net profit, will be decided.

In the mean time the Public Service Commission has the authority of Judge Hough to make an 85-cent rate.

Somehow since Paul D. Cravath made his quiet trip to Albany the Public Service Commission gives the appearance of butter-fingers. No further public sessions of the investigation into the Metropolitan have been had.

This is fine cold weather—just the time to do hard work. The Public Service Commission should get busy. Make the fare to Coney Island five cents and do it now. Take no chances either. Pass the Wagner bill too.

ORDER IN ADVANCE.

Everybody should order his Sunday World to-day from his news-dealer. This will enable the newsdealer to gauge his order accurately and to have copies for all his customers.

To-morrow's Sunday World will be especially worth reading. Besides all the news and the editorials thereon it will contain more special features of general interest than usual. "The Newlyweds," the "Step-brothers" and the other friendly faces of the fun section will appear. The paper will be especially interesting to women. The new dancer, Miss Adeline Genee, writes a valuable article on "How to Be Graceful." Six widows tell what kind of man makes the best second husband. Wilkie Collins's "The Woman in White" appears in a series of stories of awe and mystery. Then there will be Strauss's "Dream Waltz," which every piano will soon be playing.

If by any chance you have not been reading the Sunday World, be sure to get to-morrow's.

Letters from the People.

Newest "Merry Widow" Victim. Here are new words to the air of the "Merry Widow" Waltz. Try it on your bass viol. (By kind permission of Chuck Connors and the "Bunch"). Get next, Lizzie! Let's get busy in the split! Swell em dizzy! Won't we, Lizzie? I should want! Sing your arms around me While I grab her nuts! Ah! maybe we won't show these nuts. Dat we is it! C. E. FAIR.

The Chorus Girl Says the Old Guard Affair This Year Was "Sure Some Bail."

By Roy L. McCardell. Broken wing in silence, and if she did swear it would be only in the excitement of the moment, and maybe, after all, since she was now a decided blonde, having decided very recently, maybe she wouldn't be recognized at the door!

The Newlyweds & Their Baby



Happiness Depends Upon the Wife.

By Helen Oldfield. WHETHER the ultimate end of a marriage is happiness or misery depends far more upon the wife than upon the husband. Deny it who will, this is the fact, although there are exceptions. There are some men with whom neither saint nor angel could live in harmony—men who would merely be made unreasonable by Griselda's patient devotion. But for the most part every woman who marries has it in her power to make herself absolutely essential at least to her husband's comfort, if not more; and that she fails to do so is usually her fault rather than her misfortune.

Drugging the Enemy.

CARI M. WHEATON, an inventor of considerable note, who makes his home at Newtonville, Mass., has produced after nine years' experimentation a submarine gun which will fire through the hull of a battleship a substance containing a drug which will cause all those who come under its sway to asleep. Wheaton claims that this gun will revolutionize naval warfare entirely, and he has found a number of high-ranking officers of the American service who agree with him. So far, though, the United States Government has shown no disposition to take up his scheme, and it is said that a foreign power is negotiating for it.