

SORROW CAUSES VETERAN ACTOR TO LOSE HIS MIND

Rowland Buckstone Taken to Bellevue After Days of Depression.

The Ratio to-day learned with a shock that Rowland Buckstone, one of the best known players of Shakespearean roles in this country, and who has been one of the chief supports of E. H. Sothern for over a generation, is lying in the psychopathic ward of Bellevue, his mind recently permanently affected by sorrow. During the present theatrical season Buckstone has been on tour with Sothern and Marlowe, but he left the company a short time ago, following the death of one very dear to him. One report is that it was his wife who died, but "Who's Who of the Theatre" does not mention that she was ever married, and Broadway friends say the death was that of a woman member of the Sothern-Marlowe company to whom Buckstone was deeply attached.

When Buckstone came to this city following the death of his friend he went as usual to the Pierpont Hotel, No. 43 West Thirty-second street. He seemed a vastly changed man and frequented few of the haunts where formerly he was wont to meet others of the older generation of the stage. He did, however, occasionally drop in at the Players' Club in Gramercy Park, and some of the members during the last few days noticed a rapidly increasing depression. They became so alarmed that they thought best to call in a physician, although Buckstone made a conscientious effort to appear his usual cheerful self. Finally Dr. Allen Carpenter of No. 1 East Nineteenth street, was summoned.

Dr. Carpenter treated the patient, but the actor seemed to show no improvement and last night Buckstone's mind was visibly affected. He advised the removal of the patient to Bellevue and accompanied him to the hospital. At Bellevue this morning it was stated by Dr. Thornton, who has charge of Buckstone's case, that the patient is resting more quietly and that there is a chance of his being discharged within a few days for removal to a private sanitarium. Dr. Thornton said that at no time has the actor exhibited symptoms of violence and that while his mind is unquestionably affected there is some chance of his recovery.

Rowland Buckstone comes of a family that produced several players of note, most prominent among them being his father, J. B. Buckstone. He was born in Spynham, Kent, England, March 2, 1836, one of three children. He was educated at King's College, London, and made his first appearance on the stage in 1857 at the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh.

Buckstone has been an ardent automobilist and balloonist. He is a member of both the Players' and Landon Club and the Garrick Club of London.

TOBACCO TRUST CASE TO BE HEARD ON MAY 15.

Arguments to Be Made Before Judge Moyer in Suit to Set Decree Aside.

United States District Judge Julius Moyer has consented to hear the arguments on demurrers by the American Tobacco Company and the United Cigar Store Company to the suit of Otto S. Jonas, a tobacco dealer of this city, in which Jonas seeks that the United States Circuit Court's decree dissolving the Tobacco Trust be set aside. Jonas, on behalf of himself and other demurrers, filed his petition on Jan. 15, 1913—the last day for filing an action attacking the dissolution decree. He asked that the Circuit Court's decree be set aside on the ground that it was not in accordance with the mandate of the United States Supreme Court. Jonas said he was a competitor of the United Cigar Store Company and had to buy his supplies from the Metropolitan Tobacco Company, a subsidiary of the trust. He complained that he had been damaged to the extent of \$100,000 by reason of alleged price discrimination against him. He asked treble damages from the trust. The demurrers of the American Tobacco Company and United Cigar Store Company contend that Jonas could not maintain his suit because he was not a party to the original suit for dissolution. Attorney-General Wickersham in a statement to the Senate Committee in January, 1912, stated that the only possible course open to dealers not parties to the dissolution suit was a bill in the nature of a review, such as Jonas filed.

HEARST NEWSPAPERS MENACED BY FIRE.

Excitement in Early Morning Rush but Order is Soon Restored.

A broken four-inch gas pipe, oil-soaked floors in machinery rooms, the presence of great quantities of paper and the construction of the building, which has many elevator shafts, chutes and other "hazards," seemed to have doomed the Rhineland Building at William and Duane streets, a twelve-story structure occupied by the New York American, New York Journal and other publications, when fire started in the basement early to-day. Firemen upon Chief Kenyon, responding to three alarms, finally conquered the blaze, though employees of the American and Journal had to flee to the street through smoke-filled stairways and halls. Three firemen were hurt by flying glass, and James Mitchell, a telegraph operator, was trampled on the stairs until Frank Dallam and Frank Daley, copy readers, saved him.

The early mail edition of the American had been run off when the fire

STATE DIRECT TAX ABOLISHED IN BILL DRAWN BY SULZER

Readjusts Sinking Funds and Lifts Inequitable Draft Put Upon People.

ALBANY, April 18.—The abolition of the State direct tax is proposed in a bill drafted by Gov. Sulzer for introduction in the Legislature by Senator Praxley and Assemblyman Levy. The measure was introduced in the Senate to-day, but later withdrawn to make certain technical changes.

The elimination of the direct tax is designed to be accomplished by a readjustment of the State's sinking funds. Gov. Sulzer's committee of inquiry reported there was an excess of \$18,000,000

LANDLADY RETAINED HIS CHILDREN AS SECURITY FOR A \$152 BOARD BILL

Henry Jackson Goes to Court Recover Tots She Wouldn't Give Up.

Henry Jackson, a chef employed in the Park Circle restaurant, in Prospect Park Circle, Brooklyn, told in the Coney Island Court this morning how his children—Frederick, eleven years old, and Ellida, ten—had been held since Jan. 15 by Mrs. Catherine McCullough, proprietor of a boarding house at No. 108 Kops avenue, Coney Island, as security for a board bill. Magistrate Geismar was amazed as Jackson unfolded his story, and at its conclusion he turned in sullen silence and exclaimed, angrily: "Give back those children! You have no right to keep them from their father. Why, pretty soon, people like you will be wanting to pawn children to secure a debt!" Jackson thanked the Magistrate earnestly and with his employer, Harry Blythe, hurried from the courtroom to a waiting automobile to speed to his youngsters. Magistrate Geismar sent Detective Downey with them because Jackson and Blythe said they had been ejected from the McCullough house last Tuesday, when they had tried to regain possession of the children without going to court.

Jackson's wife was sent to an insane asylum four and a half years ago and his small children went to board with Mrs. McCullough. There they remained until last Jan. 15, when Jackson left because he had been out of work and owed Mrs. McCullough \$152. He promised to repay the woman as soon as he could get work, but she says Mrs. McCullough declared she would keep the children until Jackson paid his debt.

Jackson found work and denied himself everything but the barest necessities to pay off his debt and get his children back. All told, he said, he had repaid all but \$13.48, in addition to \$2 a week for the children. There was scarcely a week he said, when Mrs. McCullough did not find some excuse to add to his children's bill. At last he felt he was never to have his children again, for the extras seemed to allow no margin to pay off the original debt. There was no need for the detective Magistrate Geismar sent to the McCullough home. Mrs. McCullough was ready to obey the Court's mandate, though she wept as she did so. She said they were like her own children to her and the children testified to their affection for the woman by clinging to her and calling her "Mamma." They burst into tears as the automobile bore them away.

C. J. McCAFFERTY SUSPENDED.

Brooklyn Lawyer Barred From Practice for Six Months.

Charles J. McCafferty, former Assistant Corporation Counsel and well known lawyer of Brooklyn, was to-day suspended from practice for six months by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. Application for the lawyer's suspension was made by the Brooklyn Bar Association after McCafferty's failure to respond to six invitations to explain complaints made by former clients.

McCafferty has an office at No. 371 Fulton street and lives at No. 547 Argyll road, Flatbush.

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The State officials have agreed that during 1908, 1909 and 1910 the people of the State were required to pay nearly \$13,000,000 in excess of the amount required for the sinking funds. This money would be transferred to the general fund of the State. In addition, the other \$5,000,000 of the \$18,000,000 excess reported by the committee of inquiry is to be held by the State, subject to future legislation.

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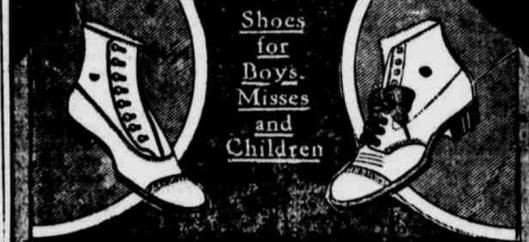
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