# THE PATH TO FAME.

*An Object Lesson for the Young Historical Romancer.*

The popular novelist of to-day is usually ready to talk about his dogs, the hour at which he prefers to begin work, the salient features of his diet, the number of copies sold of his last masterpiece, and the number of days likely to elapse before he gives another one to a waiting world. On the other hand, he never seems willing to tell inquirers just how he does the trick. Perhaps he fears that if he were to show any one how very simple the trick is competition would grow really annoying and his occupation would be gone. At all events, it has been left to an anonymous contributor to "Blackwood's Magazine" to set forth, in a series of "Letters to a Literary Aspirant," what he calls "an anatomy of art," or, as we might express it, the art and mystery of writing novels of any kind and winning thereby both fame and fortune. He represents these letters as passing from an uncle to his nephew. In the first of the series the amiable old gentleman deals with general ideas. They are all sound, but it is when the uncle passes from precept to example that he becomes most interesting.

"Suppose," he says, "you select as your original idea the fascinating notion of a young man who shall come into his own or somebody else's patrimony after many hairbreadth adventures, winning on his way a beautiful wife, though owing to her excess of maidenly innocence he shall not at first perceive that she reciprocates his affection." This, the nephew is reminded, is called the Inspiration. "Make the period some epoch in history when stirring events would naturally be imagined by your reader to occur; and to convey an even livelier glamour of gallantry, let the scene be France, as has been so fashionable of late." We are then vouchsafed a perfect example of the way in which the thing is done, the accommodating uncle interspersing in brackets certain notes on the general management of the mechanism involved. Nothing could be more eloquent, more suggestive. Nothing could show the young author more clearly the path to fame. This model historical romance follows intact:

It was in the springtime of 1046—the last three figures being transposable—upon a day thereafter printed indelibly upon my memory, that the duc summoned me to his ante-chamber. As I passed down the long passage leading from the battlement to the armory I saw through a crevice in the venerable stones one fleeting glimpse of white clouds, blue river and green fields that uplifted my boyish heart like Bordeaux wine.

[Or, gray clouds, black river, and white fields that depressed, etc., like a Bordeaux pigeon. The whole tone is given in this meteorological sentence, while the simile is intentionally French in either case.]

"M. le Duc is strange this morning," said Pierre.

He stood on guard before my uncle's apartments, as he had guarded my grandfather's before him in the Wars of the Jacquerie and League.

[Note how the relationships of all these persons and the precise period of history are neatly indicated in one brief sentence. There is no pausing over uninteresting preliminaries in romantic fiction.]

"How so?" I asked.

"He has not called for his chocolate," responded the grizzled henchman.

[This is subtle. "I have noticed a stream of blood flowing under the door" would be the obvious retort. It would indicate an amateur hand, however.]

I drew aside the curtain and entered, and then I paused in uncertainty how to proceed. Instead of the customary "Parbleu, Anatole, vous êtes toujours!" with which my uncle welcomed me on the rare occasions on which I was summoned to his presence, I heard nothing but the ticking of the Rhenish eight-day clock and the tap-tapping of ivy leaves upon the window pane.

[Observe the verisimilitude gained by reduplicating "tap."]

"Mon uncle le Duc, Je suis here! Where êtes vous?" I called out.

But there was no need to ask. With a dagger driven hard into his heart, the Duc Raoul Saint Cristôphe de la Mangerie-Röchvälléncíène lay stark upon the floor of his boudoir.

Even in death he looked what indeed he was—a great nobleman of France; and then and there I dipped my young fingers in his blood and vowed that if I, Anatole Jean de la Mangerie-Röchvälléncíène, were given life and strength, his murderer would some day lie even as he lay.

[This terrible threat becomes even more terrible by its slight—and intentional—indirectness.]

"Close the doors! Down with the portcullis! Let not the assassin escape!" I screamed with all the strength of my youthful lungs.

I was answered by a light girlish laugh.

"Monsieur is very much in earnest," said a soft voice behind me.

I turned as though I had been struck, and there, in that chamber which the moment before had held only the dead and myself, stood a fair and slender figure crowned with an aureole of golden hair; and I found myself looking into a pair of eyes whose singular spell held me staring like a country booby while you could have counted twenty.

[This unaffected confession of weakness is characteristic of the modern romantic hero. See David Balfour and all his variations.]

"Mademoiselle?"—— I stammered.

"Monsieur?" she smiled.

"I am unable," I began, with all the dignity I could muster, "to account for this"——

"Intrusion?" she inquired.

"Honor," I replied with a low bow, not unworthy, I thought to myself of a De la Mangerie-Röchvälléncíène.

[In fact, it is quite unnecessary to account for it at all; for in this branch of art the incidents need merely be picturesque in themselves and follow so closely at the heels of one another as to leave no time for criticism. I shall give an instance of this now.]

Her lips parted to answer me, a smile was beginning to gather in the dimples of her cheeks, when a strange thing happened. The color suddenly flew from her face, leaving it white as the pallid duc upon the carpet, and into her lovely eyes rushed an expression of terror that after all these years haunts me still.

Quickly following their frozen glance I turned my head, and there, seen for an instant through the oriel window, I beheld the face of—the Duc de la Raoul Saint Cristôphe de la Mangerie-Röchvälléncíène.

[By this neat trick attention is diverted from the mysterious entry of the lady—which might be difficult to explain without some constructive care; and if you waste time on this you may miss your market.

We will now suppose that our readers have been hurried through seventeen or eighteen similar episodes; that the lady is still partly wrapped in obscurity, though her name is discovered to be Antoinette Enaspic de Cotolette, and herself the high spirited representative of a rival and much injured house; that the mystery of the two ducs has merely thickened; that a wicked archbishop and a designing count have appeared on the scene, and finally that our hero has come to Paris for reasons which have been evaded by a similar device to that described above. Let us now assume we are at Chapter 20, and let us do the Earl's-Court-Exhibition-old-Paris-street scene so popular with devourers of these romances.]

The landlord conducted me up stairs interminable and along corridors damp as vaults, where the arras rustled stealthily as we passed, and the bats flitted noiselessly through the radiance of our lantern, till at length he paused before a door high up in this labyrinth of a hostelry and turned a ponderous key. I looked over his shoulder in time to catch a glimpse of two gigantic rats scampering across an uncarpeted floor.

"Monsieur will find company," he said, with his mocking leer.

"The company will find monsieur," I retorted with as cheerful an air as I could muster.

The fellow grinned at the jest (a fair sixteenth-century sample), and withdrew. I was alone at last!

Rapidly I cast my eyes round the room to make sure that I was unobserved, and then drew from my wallet the precious packet. The seal was still unbroken!

I smiled with renewed satisfaction, and approached the window.

The stars were twinkling peacefully over Paris, as though they twinkled upon a Paradise instead of this huge cesspool of passion and hate. Far down below I looked upon a dark pavement and gleaming gutters, where the passing watchman with his cry of "Vive la France encore, mon ami!" and the muttered countersign, "Ma père, mon mère!" alone broke the deathly silence.

Right opposite I saw a jumble of peaked gables, latticed windows, and timbered fronts, and about half-way down the perpendicular wall of darkness confronting me I could just perceive a glimmer of light escaping from a narrow loophole.

It was my only chance.

Carefully measuring the distance with my eye and finding that it was only 52 kilometres 8 ells [this has a fine Franco-archaic sound; what it is in miles I cannot tell you, but no one will stop to inquire at this exciting juncture]. I commended my soul to Saint Julienne de Potage and leapt into the dizzy void.

Unfortunately I had miscalculated the distance. Instead of 52 kilometres it should have been 152! Round and round I spun in the cold midnight air till I had lost all count of my revolutions. I told my beads more hurriedly than I care to confess, and then stretched out my hand at a venture. What exactly happened I can scarcely describe; I only know that I caught a glimpse of the lighted loophole, grasped the projecting iron bar as I shot past, and with an almost superhuman effort seated myself astride the sill.

[After this feat our hero may with advantage witness a murder through the aforesaid loophole, fight a single combat with the murderer, bury the victim with a spade and a dark lantern, and in the act of doing this make the acquaintance of some popular historical character, such as Richelieu, Talleyrand, Henry the Fourth, or a Bourbon. He then rescues the heroine from a coffin where she has been laid while drugged, confounds the machinations of the wicked archbishop, and all ends happily somewhat as follows.]

"I leave the decision in the fair hands of Mademoiselle Antoinette," said his majesty with a courteous inclination.

I looked toward her, and my heart stood still. My fate was sealed indeed; her coolness for the last two days could have but one explanation. She had resolved to have my life.

I removed my breastplate and cried:

"Strike, mademoiselle! A Mangerie-Röchvälléncíène knows how to die!"

To my astonishment her beautiful eyes filled with tears.

"Anatole!" she exclaimed, stretching out her arms, "quelle rôti ajourd'hui!"

"Mademoiselle has decided," smiled the King. "Kneel down, monsieur; I have a soupçon else for you."

A moment later I rose with a cardinal's hat upon my head and the Countess Antoinette upon my arm.

## OBITUARY.

### WILLIAM E. TEFFT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 19.—William E. Tefft, a member of the drygoods house of Tefft, Weller & Co., of New-York, died this afternoon at 1 o'clock, at his country place, Hamilton Grange, in Great Barrington. Mr. Tefft had been ill for some months from Bright's disease. He was born in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1841, and was educated in that city and in colleges in Switzerland. He formed the firm of Tefft, Griswold & Co., in New-York, where his father was the senior partner. At the death of his father he became a member of the firm. Mr. Tefft was a director of the Ninth and North River National banks of New-York, and was a member of the Players. In 1889 he bought a fine country place in Great Barrington, and retired from business in 1901. He was prominent in Great Barrington social affairs, and at his country home entertained many prominent men and women. Mr. Tefft had an unusual collection of historical and artistic articles. His New-York home, in Sixty-fourth-st., contained many articles of value which he had collected in his travels. He had a personal acquaintance with many leading actors and actresses. Mr. Tefft is survived by a widow and eight children. They are Mrs. John L. E. Pell, Mrs. W. P. Wight, Mrs. H. E. Slayback, Mrs. W. B. Slayback, William E. Tefft, jr., Charles, Frank and Miss Gladys Tefft, of Great Barrington, and a brother, Frank G. Tefft, of New-York.

### ISAIAH D. BARCLAY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 19.—Isaiah D. Barclay, ex-Sheriff of Middlesex County, died this afternoon at his home in Cranbury. Death was due to typhoid-pneumonia. Mr. Barclay was born in 1834. He became a farmer and was interested also in the sale of agricultural implements. He served his township for four years as a member of the Board of Freeholders of Middlesex County, and in 1899 was elected Sheriff, his term expiring last year. He was a Republican, and was an elder in the Second Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. He leaves a widow, a son, Ezekiel Barclay, and a daughter, Mrs. John Major.

### CHARLES FRANCIS JAMES.

Colonel Charles Francis James, the only son of Thomas L. James, ex-Postmaster General, died yesterday at Highwood, N. J. He had an attack of grip, which developed into pneumonia. Colonel James was born in Hamilton, July 12, 1855, and was graduated from Madison (now Colgate) University in 1876, and from the Columbia Law School two years later. He served as counsel for the Commissioners of Immigration, as Assistant United States District Attorney, under General Stewart L. Woodford, and later was Assistant Corporation Counsel in this city. Colonel James for years was a member of the law firm of Dittenhoefer, Gerber & James. He was on Governor Morton's military staff and was a member of the Union League Club. In 1897 Colonel James was elected president of the Franklin National Bank. He leaves a widow and two children.

His funeral will take place to-morrow at the Church of the Atonement, Tenefly, N. J.

### MISS ANITA ROSECRANS.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 19.—Miss Anita Rosecrans, daughter of the late General Rosecrans, died here to-day after a brief illness, at the home of her sister, the wife of Governor Toole. For some time she had been engaged in writing memoirs of her father.

### GEORGE B. LOVING.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 19.—George B. Loving, who attempted to form the so-called Cattle Trust, died on the street here to-day. He was widely known.

### HARRY HALE SMITH.

Harry Hale Smith, twenty-five years old, the son of Brigadier General William Smith, U. S. A., died at Pelham Manor yesterday from pneumonia. He was born in St. Paul, Minn., where his father was stationed for several years. He was graduated from Cornell University with the class of '00. He was a member of Chi Psi, and a well known baseball player at Cornell.

### JOHN G. CONSTANT.

John G. Constant, for many years a well known resident of Morrisania, died Wednesday night at his home in Mount Vernon in his sixty-second year from pneumonia. He was a warden of St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church in Morrisania and a prominent member of Hamilton Post, G. A. R., of this city. In the Civil War he served on the ship Quaker City and rose to the rank of mate. He leaves two sons and a daughter.

### MRS. MARY E. PARMALEE.

Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 19 (Special).—Mrs. Mary E. Parmalee, a member of the well known Butterworth family of New-York, died suddenly on Wednesday night at her home, No. 450 Westminster-ave., Elizabeth, from heart failure, after a week's illness with pneumonia. She was sixty-six years old. She was born in New-York City, and was a daughter of John F. Butterworth. Her stepmother was a daughter of the late Chief Justice John Jay. William S. Parmalee, her husband, is a retired New-York merchant. He, with one daughter, Mrs. H. C. Carmier, of this city, and three sons, John B., Henry H. and Arthur L. Parmalee, of Somerville, survive her. Mrs. Parmalee was a prominent member for many years of St. John's Episcopal Church, Elizabeth.

### VERDICT OF $50,000 IN WHISKEY SUIT.

After a trial lasting fourteen days, a jury in the United States Circuit Court yesterday awarded a verdict of $50,000 to J. W. M. Fields, a distiller of Owensboro, Ky., against Paris, Allen & Co., of No. 45 Broadway. Mr. Fields entered into a contract with Paris, Allen & Co. to furnish them with the output of his distillery for fifteen years. After 800 barrels had been shipped by the plaintiff the defendants assigned their contract to the Kentucky Warehouse and Distilling Company. The plaintiff declined to ship goods to that company unless Paris, Allen & Co. guaranteed the accounts, which they refused to do. Hence the suit.

### CALIFORNIA'S PROSPERITY.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—The final statistical reports of the Bank Commission for 1903 show a state of great financial prosperity in California. There are nine savings banks in San Francisco, with deposits of $144,284,235 and 173,576 depositors, having an average deposit of $831. In the fifty-two interior savings banks $53,728,277 is deposited. These sixty-one savings banks of the State aggregate the grand total of $198,012,512, distributed among 284,952 depositors, with the unparalleled average of $694.89.

## DISCHARGES DR. SUTORIUS.

### Justice Mayer Finds Evidence in Republic Trust Case Insufficient.

Dr. Francis A. Sutorius, who was charged with the specific larceny of $129 in alleged frauds on the Trust Company of the Republic, in connivance with Miss Gertrude Anderson and William A. Grebe, was discharged by Justice Mayer, of the Court of Special Sessions, sitting as a magistrate, at the resumption of the examination of the case yesterday. Miss Anderson, who testified for the prosecution, failed to give testimony of a character that would make Dr. Sutorius amenable to the charge.

When the examination was resumed yesterday Assistant District Attorney Garvan announced that no additional evidence had been obtained to connect Dr. Sutorius with the specific charge. He said it was possible that evidence would be obtained which would warrant the arrest of Dr. Sutorius on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the trust company, and counsel for Dr. Sutorius agreed to produce his client at any future time he was wanted, feeling satisfied that his client would be able to clear himself of any other charge that might be made against him.

When Miss Anderson was called to the bar Mr. Garvan asked that her examination be postponed, that he might ascertain whether or not she would be acceptable as a State's witness in other proceedings that might be begun, and her examination was fixed for March 7.

### PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

The following petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday with the clerk of the United States District Court:

BERTHA VORIZIMMER, No. 69 West Houston-st.; liabilities, $5,968; assets, $60. Petitioner was formerly in partnership with Rebecca Goodman in the dressmaking business. The principal creditors are E. A. Mayer, No. 104 Greene-st., $4,500; Herowitz & Roth, No. 201 West Houston-st., $600; Walker & Sons, No. 299 Broadway, $300.

ABRAHAM LEVY, salesman, No. 152 East One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st.; liabilities, $2,581 68; assets, $100. The principal creditors are Segall & Harris, No. 46 Howard-st., $1,566; Swartz & Jerkowski, No. 718 Broadway, $414; J. J. Plucker & Co., address unknown, $800.

LESSER KARMEL, Newburg; liabilities, $12,156 22; assets, $25. The principal creditors are Blanch Karmel, Newburg, $1,069; J. C. Johnston & Co., No. 255 Broadway, $908; J. L. Baker, No. 59 Prince-st., $576.

JOHN F. DICKETT, No. 401 East Twentieth-st.; liabilities, $4,557 21; assets, $25. The principal creditors are H. Koehler, corner Twenty-ninth-st. and First-ave., $2,693; J. J. Murphy, No. 106 East Twentieth-st., $1,000; James Everard, No. 123 East One-hundred-and-thirty-third-st., $1,000.

LEO STERN, No. 683 Broadway; liabilities, $76,342 85; assets, $50. Petitioner was formerly a member of the firm of Simonson, Whitman & Co., of Louisville, Ky., which assigned December 1, 1898, and was adjudicated in the United States District Court for the District of Kentucky as an involuntary bankrupt, September 26, 1899. The principal creditors are Kruppendorf Ditman, of Louisville, $4,288; John Latterman Shoe Company, No. 465 West Broadway, $2,106; A. E. Nettleton & Co., Syracuse, $2,169; Fred Lazarus, Columbus, Ohio, $5,000. Petitioner has in all 301 creditors, the major portion for small amounts, and located chiefly in Louisville, Cincinnati and other Ohio points.

EDWIN F. ASHMAN, clerk, No. 110 West One-hundred-and-thirty-sixth-st.; liabilities, $2,758 98; assets, $220. Petitioner has but one creditor, Louis Weiss, who secured a judgment against him in the Court of Common Pleas in New-York County, September 5, 1893, for the amount of liabilities, $2,758 98.

### COURT NOTE.

Justice MacLean, of the Supreme Court, yesterday granted an attachment for $25,586 91 against the James P. McDonald Company, contractors, a West Virginia corporation, with offices at No. 35 Nassau-st., this city, in favor of Arthur Sariol on an assigned claim of Genaro N. Ruggieri for work done on the Guayquil and Quito Railway, in Ecuador. A deputy sheriff served a copy of the attachment on a third party.

### A RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Justice Bischoff, of the Supreme Court, has appointed Julius H. Hayman receiver for the partnership property of Frederick Heyman and Julius H. Hayman, trading as Hayman & Co., manufacturers of clothing and children's dresses at No. 60 West Fifteenth-st., pending a suit brought by Frederick Heyman against Julius H. Hayman, his partner, to dissolve the partnership. The firm is solvent. They have been in business three months.

### JUDGMENTS.

The following judgments, for sums of over $100, were filed yesterday, the first name being that of the debtor:

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| Altman, Jacob—H Hecht | $113 |
| Angus, George H—Acker, Merrall & Condit | 168 |
| Boutin, Andre—E M Bydeman and another | 151 |
| Blackman, Hyman—Hugh Stocker Company | 245 |
| Bierschenk, Anna L—O Krauss and another | 369 |
| Batterson, David G and Sarah S—Northern National Bank of New-York | 808 |
| Ballard, Virginius, J F Willy, trustees and Brodie L Duke—A Beveridge; costs | 2,036 |
| City of New-York—Mount Morris Real Estate Association | 1,297 |
| Condit, Frederick A—E Butler | 156 |
| Dexter, Augustus C—L Beck | 9,188 |
| Same—O T Mackey and another | 892 |
| Same—J A Hamilton | 719 |
| Davidson, Henry and David Zizmor—J Kryn and another | 676 |
| Eadie, Colin M—H Stein | 273 |
| Foody, Michael E—J A Russell | 491 |
| Grieve, Louis—P H Bresnan Type Founding Company | 107 |
| Goldstein, Moses—S Bogin; costs | 133 |
| Hanlan, Edward—R B Thomson | 251 |
| Hartman, Susan—New-York Telephone Company | 142 |
| Harder, Mary E—A Hahn | 275 |
| Same—same | 390 |
| Hartman, Henry A and Gustave—J J Hoffstatt | 139 |
| Hempstone, Snowden L—B Levinson and another | 6,548 |
| Hodzskin, T Ellett, trustee—W Lanahan and another; costs | 241 |
| Hohl, Charles—J J Bentz | 293 |
| Haskins, John B and Mary L, executors—City of New-York | 228 |
| Krulish, Joseph—P Chambers; costs | 106 |
| Kline, Edward A—M Tishman | 1,114 |
| Larrabee, Sarah E—Metropolitan Street Railway Company; costs | 110 |
| Levy, R Frank—H M Suseweln | 133 |
| Luders, Gustav—C A Miller | 102 |
| Levinson, Samuel, and Samuel A Robinson—Hoagland & Robinson Company; costs | 114 |
| Ludden, Julius E—W G Hamilton and another, trustees | 184 |
| Longstreet, James W—L L McWhirter | 349 |
| Lanois, Bernard—C H Gerard | 1,155 |
| Maclean, Howard A—H A Smith | 154 |
| Mercer, Richard—G Muller and another | 116 |
| Metropolitan Street Railway Company—J J Reed | 824 |
| Same—Z Rysaklewicz | 322 |
| Same—M Murray | 350 |
| Same—J Plemuk | 1,413 |
| Minch, Ernest—New-York Veal and Mutton Company | 347 |
| New-Amsterdam Casualty Company—J Langley, costs | 105 |
| Nevins, Matthew J—J Wanamaker | 960 |
| Nocelo, Salvatore—Metropolitan Street Railway Company | 108 |
| Orr, Warren M—New-York Telephone Company | 121 |
| Peck, S Stuart—J Hyatt | 767 |
| Polatschek, Solomon, and George H Fahrbach—J Label | 172 |
| Quennard, George H—E Hamilton | 234 |
| Roberge, Franklin P—R E Bonner and another, executors, costs | 2,212 |
| Sedgewick, Theodore—R Whyte | 101 |
| Schwartz, Tobias—M Friedberg | 220 |
| Stillings, John A B—J H Veil | 375 |
| The Reading Fire Insurance Company, of Reading, Penn—D W Shoyer and another | 5,162 |
| The Manilla Anchor Brewing Company—C M Pine and another | 470 |
| The City of New-York—W E Dean, costs | 118 |
| Same—G L Christian | 160 |
| Same—J Weiss | 549 |
| Same—Lawyers' Title Insurance Company of New-York | 953 |
| Veazey, James N—H Allen and another, costs | 135 |
| Lawrence Bros (Inc)—J S Sutphens, jr, and another | 1,243 |
| The Metropolitan Street Railway Company—M Brady | 2,841 |
| Du Bois Cushion Tire Company—City of New-York | 543 |
| Williamson, Matthew D—David Stevenson Brewing Company | 536 |
| Winston, Frederick J—M A White, executrix | 5,019 |
| Williams, William L—H Gillespie; costs | 110 |
| Weissman, Herman—G Gotthelf | 218 |
| Wieskus, August—H Fischer | 149 |
| Wright, Louis B—D T Wilson | 685 |

### ARRIVAL OF BUYERS.

F. W. Miller & Co., Chicago; F. W. Miller, drygoods, Navarre.

Charles Hafter, Greenville, Miss.; Charles F. Homan, drygoods, Rossmore.

R. A. Harness, Henderson, Ky.; drygoods, Raleigh.

Sullivan & Anwaerde, Keokuk, Iowa; B. L. Anwaerde, drygoods, Herald Square.

Sullivan & Anwaerde, St. Paul; Kate F. Lamb, millinery, No. 424 West Thirtieth-st.

Herman Strauss & Sons Company, Louisville; Albert J. Strauss, department store, Imperial.

Ford & Barber, Chicago; G. Barber, drygoods, Earlington.

The Denver Drygoods Company, Denver; E. C. Bennett and Harriet C. Wells, drygoods, Navarre.

Schipper & Bloch, Peoria, Ill.; William Schwentser, drygoods, Albert.

The J. E. Vincent Hair and Millinery Company, Kansas City; Nellie R. Prendergast, millinery and hair, Kensington.

Dryfoos Drygoods Company, Shreveport, La.; Samuel Dryfoos, drygoods, No. 160 West Seventy-eighth-st.

Miller, Gentz & Co., Milwaukee, Wis.; William Odenwaldt, drygoods.

W. & H. D. Taylor, Nokomis, Ill.; William Taylor, drygoods and millinery.

The James Black Drygoods Company, Waterloo, Iowa; James Black, drygoods.

Gabriel Caraboolad, Cleveland; drygoods.

Abram Caraboolad, Cleveland; drygoods.

C. E. Nesle, Chicago, florist.

Strauss Millinery Company, St. Louis; L. Neislo, millinery, Carnegie.

Ely & Walker Drygoods Company, St. Louis; L. Sutton, drygoods, Emory.

Platt & Dreger, Colfax, Wash.; B. Dreger, drygoods, Broadway Central.

A. & B. Imhof, St. Joseph, Mo.; Agnes Imhof, millinery.

Ely & Walker Drygoods Company, St. Louis; J. S. Walker, drygoods.

Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney, St. Louis; Hanford Crawford, drygoods.

Miss F. H. Thomas, Colorado Springs, Co., millinery, Margaret-Louise.

Hibber, Hollweg & Co., Indianapolis; H. B. Hibber, drygoods, No. 320 Broadway.

Solwit, East Liverpool, Ohio, ladies', misses' and infants' wear.

Mannheimer Bros., St. Paul; Katherine Kenedy, drygoods.

Charles F. Terry, Glasgow, Ky., drygoods, Victoria.

Myer & Gimbel, Houston, Tex.; M. E. Gimbel, drygoods, Marlboro.

I. Krotzenstein, Escanaba, Mich.; drygoods, St. Denis.

May's Millinery Company, Detroit; Mrs. H. A. Evans, millinery.

F. T. Hopson, Chicago, millinery, Navarre.

M. J. West, Deridder, La., merchant, Broadway Central.

P. W. West, Deridder, La., merchant, Broadway Central.

Lon Hart, Chicago, salesman.

# THE CONDITIONS IN ST. LOUIS.

*CHARGE OF APATHY REPELLED—CITIZENS SUPPORTED FOLK IN UNEARTHING CORRUPTION.*

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 19.—When Lincorn Steffens, in the March "McClure's," says that "boodling" still rules St. Louis, the writer has evidently got his tenses mixed. That a ring of "boodlers" did control the municipal government cannot be gainsaid. With the election of Joseph Wingate Folk as Circuit Attorney all this has been changed and the attempt of the "boodlers" to put on a brazen front has proved a signal failure. Some twenty despondent officials have been indicted, and out of fourteen cases which have thus far gone to trial only one has escaped conviction. One of the "boodlers," Charlie" Kratz, forfeited a bond of $20,000 and fled to Mexico, the Supreme Court recently ruling that his bondsman must pay over the face value of the bond to the school fund. Three others of the indicted rascals are fugitives from justice with a price upon their heads, and a second is a well known banker and promoter.

Instead of the people being apathetic or indifferent, as Mr. Steffens states, the contrary is the case. They are thoroughly aroused and determined that no guilty man shall escape. The press and pulpit continually keep before the public eye the rascality exposed by the investigations instituted by Mr. Folk, and at no time since first the revelations were made has there been any attempt or desire to shield the wrongdoer, save only by those who had a personal interest in preventing further exposure.

The revelations as to rascality in the many get-rich-quick enterprises now under fire in nowise indicate wholesale corruption in St. Louis, being private enterprises. On the contrary the citizens of St. Louis who invested in these concerns were only a small percentage of the grand total, the East furnishing more than its proportion of money-grabbers who allowed their greed to warp their commercial judgment.

The only public corruption known to have existed was embodied in the municipal assembly, the members of which bartered off public franchises to private parties for whatever they could get, dividing the sums thus secured among the "combine" which controlled legislation. The attempt of these cormorants to sell the water works owned by the city to a private corporation for the sum of twelve millions was checkmated when a constitutional amendment prevailed last November absolutely prohibiting the sale of the water works to any private corporation. The article of Mr. Steffens seems to have been based upon disclosures of municipal corruption brought to light by Circuit Attorney Folk.

Instead of being condemned for this the citizens of St. Louis deserve and are entitled to the highest commendation for the manner in which they have backed up Mr. Folk in his efforts to stamp out this corruption, Democrats and Republicans alike indorsing the warfare he is waging.

### TWO-YEAR MAYORS, SAYS GROUT.

Controller Grout yesterday, in discussing city affairs, said that he was of the opinion that the term of the Mayor of this city should never be changed from two years. Mayor Low in his message to the Aldermen on Tuesday suggested that the term of the Mayor be changed to four years, beginning with 1905.

### CALL TO A PITTSFIELD PASTOR.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 19.—The Rev. Raymond Calkins, pastor of the Pilgrim Memorial Church, of this city, has been called to the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, one of the oldest churches of that city. Mr. Calkins will probably accept the call. He has been in Pittsfield for four years, and is the author of the book entitled "The Substitute for the Saloon."

### "BRITISH OFFICER" A CRIMINAL.

#### "Lieutenant Colonel F. Seymour Barrington of the English Nobility" Confesses.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—The man serving a six months' term at the city workhouse who lived here for some time as Lieutenant Colonel F. Seymour Barrington a member of the British nobility, and who married a woman of Kansas City who believed his stories of wealth and a title, was positively identified to-day as George Barton, a noted English criminal. A picture of Barton received from Scotland Yard completed the identification, and finally the prisoner himself admitted it also. Barton said:

"The crimes that I committed in England are atoned for. I have served my time, and am not out on a forged pardon, as has been stated, and the records will show it."

Barton was arrested several weeks ago after an encounter with the brother of Wilhelmina Cochrane, of Kansas City, whom he had duped into marrying him.

Barton is accused of having three wives, all living. One, the first, Mrs. Celestine Elizabeth Miller Barton, of No. 1,208 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, began suit for divorce about two weeks ago, when Barton was exposed by the brother of the woman he recently married in Kansas City. Another Mrs. Barton, wife No. 2, is said to be living in Philadelphia.

### TO KEEP OUT SPECULATORS.

#### Soft Coal Organization Not to Fix Price But to Regulate Trade.

The Bituminous Coal Trade Association, organized at Philadelphia on Wednesday, will hold its first business meeting in this city in a week or ten days, it was announced yesterday, and have its headquarters here. The chairman of its executive committee is R. M. Lovell, of Borden & Lovell, this city. The secretary, Henry S. Fleming, of No. 1 Broadway, said yesterday that at the conference in Philadelphia fixing a price for bituminous coal came up, and the consensus of opinion was against such a move. One of the objects of the organization, he said, was to keep speculators, as far as possible, out of the business, and regulate the trade.


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### LOST.

BANKBOOK NO. 240,141 of the Union Dime Savings Institution is missing. Any person having a claim to it is hereby called upon to present the same within ten days, or submit to having said passbook cancelled, and a new one issued.

BANKBOOK NO. 729,910, of the Bowery Savings Bank is missing. The finder is requested to return it to the bank. If not restored before the 19th day of March, 1903, application will be made to the bank for a new book.

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Feb. 20—By S. Goodstein & Son, L. C. Newburger, jewelry.
Feb. 24—By J. Stich & Bro., 118 3d-ave., diamonds, watches, jewelry and all goods pledged prior Feb. 17, 1902, from No. 12,741 to 14,560; also No. 13,941, a diamond lorgnette chain, diamond butterfly pin and diamond ring.
Feb. 24—By S. Raphael, 503 6th-ave., diamonds, watches, jewelry, all goods pledged prior Feb. 17, 1902.
Feb. 24—By L. L. Newberger, successor I. Newman, 784 8th-ave., clothing, etc., pledged prior Feb. 14, 1902.
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