

THOUSANDS MEET TO HONOR MARK TWAIN

Cannon, Champ Clark, Choate and Watterson Among Speakers at Carnegie Hall.

EULOGY BUT NOT SOLEMNITY

Anecdotes which Made Great Humorist a Kin of Every Human Being Abound in Speeches.

Every one of the thousands who packed Carnegie Hall last night seemed happy in remembering Mark Twain. A great many of these present had known him intimately, and yet smiles of laughter swept this audience entered in the first memorial meeting following the humorist's death.

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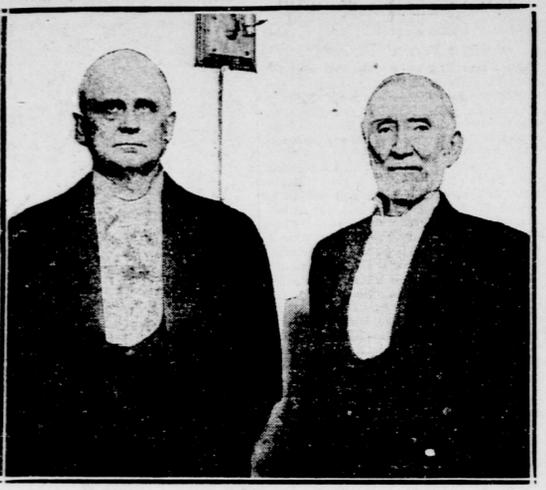
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CHAMP CLARK AND "UNCLE JOE" CANNON. Brought together by the common desire to honor Mark Twain. (Photograph, copyright, by the American Press Association.)

Mark Twain's wish that nothing funeral should mar the sincerity with which his friends and admirers vied in doing him honor.

"I might imagine him saying," said William Dean Howells, who presided. "Why, of course, you mustn't have it that sort of obsequy. I should want you to be serious about me; that is, sincere; and you couldn't be sincere if you ran to eulogy. But we don't object here to any man's affection. We like to be liked as well as ever, and if any of you can remember some creditable thing about me I shouldn't mind his telling it, provided always he didn't blink the palliating circumstances, the mitigating motives, the selfish considerations, that accompany every noble action. I shouldn't like to be made out a miracle of humor, either, or left a stumbling block for any one who was intending to be moderately amusing and instructive hereafter. At the same time, I don't suppose a commemoration is exactly the occasion for dwelling on a man's shortcomings in his life or his literature, or for realizing that he has entered upon an immortality of oblivion."

Anecdotes by Mr. Choate. Every one of the speakers, enthusiastically abetted by his hearers, lived up to this suggestion made by Mr. Howells in his opening remarks. Eulogy there was, of course, as in Joseph H. Choate's address, but intertwined with it were so many of those anecdotes which made Mark Twain a cousin of every human being that worship was robbed of its cold distance and "Uncle Mark" still remained a member of the household.

"We are certainly not gathered here to mourn for Mark Twain. There is no doubt that in those two last lingering years of his life he would have welcomed the faithful reaper at any time. When he heard of Glider's death, he said: 'Ah, no such good luck comes to me.' This audience is rather a tribute to his character, to his signal triumphs, to all he did to make men happier and better. I believe in the last thirty years no man has done more, or as much in this direction as he."

The former ambassador's speech was largely devoted to the humorist's great popularity in England, where, as he said, Mark Twain became "the favorite idol of all the people." The speaker dwelt upon the brilliant climax to a phenomenally successful tour which came with the conferring of the Oxford degree.

"I met him on a hot summer day in St. George's Chapel, London," continued Mr. Choate, in one of his reminiscence periods. "He whispered in my ear, and I expected some apocryphal utterance in that mausoleum of kings.

"What an awful thing it is to be shut up in a place where it isn't possible for one to smoke!" he said.

The story of the "Jumping Frog," Mr. Choate said, was known by heart on the streets of London. He doubted whether even Lincoln's two-minute speech at Gettysburg had been committed to memory or read so many times as that story.

"He picked it up," said he, "a greater nugget than has ever been taken from any mine, after he had abandoned the pick and the tin pail and was loafing around among the miners in Nevada."

Praise from Old Pastor. The Rev. Joseph Hopkins Trichell, of Hartford, Mr. Twain's pastor and a friend of forty years' standing, followed Mr. Choate and told many a story illustrative of the Twain point of view. He said he had never seen a man who was so easily moved to tears as the humorist. Of his great love for animals, he had many tales to tell, and also of his pity for the human race.

"Would you, as a kind-hearted man, would you start the human race, would you, now?" is one of the questions which Mr. Trichell said Mr. Clemens asked him on the occasion of a discussion of human misfortune and frailty.

Both Speaker Cannon and Champ Clark, who, as friends of the author, paid their tributes to his memory, had amusing stories to tell of Mark Twain's activities in Washington as a lobbyist when he appeared to advocate the passage of the present copyright law. Mr. Cannon said he received the following letter from him on that occasion:

Dear Uncle Joseph: Please get me the thanks of Congress, not next week, but right away. It is very necessary. Do accomplish this by persuasion if you can, by violence if you must, for it is absolutely necessary that I get on the floor for two or three hours and talk to the Congressmen man by man. I have arguments with me. Also a barrel with fluid in it. Hades! Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Thomas Hastings, Henry James, Henry Cabot Lodge, Hamilton Wright Mabie, Alfred Thayer Mahan, Brandegee Matthews, Bliss Perry, James Ford Rhodes, Henry van Dyke and Woodrow Wilson.

Among those present were J. P. Morgan, J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. Robert G. Ingersoll, Dr. Edward Quintard, Horace White, Miss Winifred Holt, Dr. St. Clair McKelway, Adolph S. Ochs, Colonel George Harvey, J. Henry Harper, Albert Bierlow, Paine, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Milholland, Miss Inez Milholland, Mrs. Martin Littleton, Dr. A. Alexander Smith, Miss Mildred Howells, Mrs. Richard Watson Glider, Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. Charles A. Titson, Miss Edith Conner, Professor Henry A. Gottlieb, Mrs. von R. Phelps, Peter Finley Dunne, Robert J. Collier, Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart, Theodore N. Vall, William Rockefeller, Mr. and Mrs. Brayton Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Keiolog, W. J. Lampton, Will N. Harben, F. Hopkinson Smith, Booth Tarkington, Charles Rann Kennedy, Samuel H. Gardenier, John Luther Loomis, Arthur Rind, Charles Battell Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lyon Williams, Winfield S. Moody, "Marion Harland," Mr. and Mrs. Robert Underwood Johnson, W. W. Ellsworth, Frank H. Dodd, Irving Bacheller, Nathan Straus, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Damrosch, Dr. Charles F. McDonald, W. A. Nash, Judge and Mrs. Alton B. Parker, the Rev. Junius B. Remensnyder, Don C. Seitz, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Low, Frank A. Munsey, Professor Thomas R. Lounsbury, Colgate Hoyt, William B. Hornbower, Professor J. Howard Van Amringe, Mrs. W. H. Scherwin, Miss Jeanne Dorcas, Emil L. Boas, Isaac N. Seligman, the Rev. Percy Steekney Grant, Edward R. Seligman, ex-Justice Augustus Van Wyck, Dr. John D. Quackenbush, Dr. and Mrs. Newell Dwight Hillis, Mrs. Henry Villard, Louis Marshall, Major Charles L. Lydecker.

RACING PROBE CONTINUES

Graft Hunters Unmoved by August Belmont's Scorn.

THE "LEGAL EXPENSE" FUND

Committee Still Hopes to Get Something Definite—Delves Into Milk and Insurance.

Despite the scorn with which August Belmont recited his disbelief in the "Delmonico dinner" to the legislative investigating committee on Tuesday, that body proceeded again yesterday along the lines of its previous endeavor to get something definite about the amount of money spent by the racing interests in their fight against the Agnew-Hart anti-racetrack gambling laws.

Victor A. Schaumburg, the secretary of the Coney Island Jockey Club, was recalled to the stand. He presented the vouchers of payments to "Judge" E. B. Coyne, C. J. Fitzgerald, F. K. Sturgis, F. K. Johnston and Algernon Daingerfield made by his club in 1908. Each of these vouchers recited that the payments were for "legal services," and no details were unearthed which would show the particular nature of the services. Judge Coyne got \$2,500 in January, Fitzgerald \$2,216 in February, Sturgis \$5,715 in November, Daingerfield \$757 in October and Johnston \$3,000 in September.

F. K. Sturgis was the secretary-treasurer of the Jockey Club, the ruling organization of the sport of racing. Daingerfield was at that time an assistant secretary of the same organization, and the voucher for the \$757 received by him had on it the words, "For your proportion of legal expenses and disbursements on account R. C. Cummings, attorney."

Mr. Schaumburg was completely in the dark as to the disposition of the money he paid and referred Judge Bruce, the counsel to the committee, to Mr. Sturgis, who, he said, would be able to answer as to the disbursement of the fund raised. Schaumburg admitted that each of the above amounts was only one part of a fund contributed to by all or most of the racing associations in the state, of which there were at that time eight.

Fund Estimated at \$250,000.

Taking Schaumburg's testimony, together with that of ex-Senator William H. Reynolds on Tuesday, Isidor Kresel, assistant counsel to the committee, estimated that the "legal expense fund" of the racing interests contributed to solely by the racing associations would amount to something around \$250,000. This estimate does not include any sum subscribed and handled exclusively by the Metropolitan Turf Association, the organization of bookmakers whose interest in the defeat of the Agnew-Hart laws was even more personal and direct than that of the racing associations.

Judge Bruce said at the close of the day's proceedings that F. K. Sturgis would take the witness chair at to-day's session, and it was hoped that from him the committee would learn the details of the disbursement of the huge "legal expense fund" of the racing interests. The books of the Jockey Club, together with the accounting of the special funds raised by the racing associations apart from the regular accounts of the Jockey Club, will form the basis for the examination of Mr. Sturgis, it is understood.

Mr. Belmont, on the stand on Tuesday, testified that the books of the Jockey Club and their disbursements of whatever nature were matters of which the state records in the Controller's office contained sufficient reference to satisfy the committee. The inquiry into the alleged half million dollar lobby fund will be followed along these lines.

It came out incidentally during the examination of Schaumburg yesterday that Schuyler Parsons is also in Europe. He was another of the men mentioned in Robert H. Elder's testimony as having been present at the meeting in Delmonico's, which Mr. Belmont referred to as "the mythical dinner." Charles H. Hyde, the present City Chamberlain, was another of those mentioned as among the men present at "the mythical dinner," and it was intimated yesterday that he would be the last witness called in the racing investigation.

Witness Chair Open to Grady.

Senator Thomas F. Grady, who figured in the previous testimony as the receiver of \$4,000 of the lobby fund of the racing interests, will not be called as a witness, though Judge Bruce repeated again yesterday that the witness chair was open and Senator Grady might come if he wanted to.

Gustav C. Wetterhahn, secretary of the Milk Dealers' Protective Association, who was on the stand on Tuesday, was recalled yesterday to tell what he knew of three other milk dealers' associations, and it appeared that he was secretary and custodian of the funds for three others, namely, the Brooklyn, the Harlem and the West Side Milk Dealers' associations. Their funds were for the purpose of opposing legislation that would injure them, he admitted, or for furthering such as would be good for them. Though he had a total of about \$7,000 on hand as custodian for the four organizations with which he is connected, he said he had found it unnecessary so far to use any of it for legislative purposes.

Mr. Wetterhahn was not able to answer any detailed questions about the proceedings of the associations of which he is secretary, and Mr. Kresel, who was examining him, excused him from the stand to go home and get the minutes books of all four. On Tuesday, however, Wetterhahn testified that in October, 1909, he had destroyed the books of the Milk Dealers' Protective Association which covered the time previous to October, 1909. He will be on the stand again to-day.

In the afternoon session the committee turned again to the insurance end of its investigation, with William N. Bament, of the Home Fire Insurance Company, in the witness chair for the second time.

Insurance Man Amends Testimony.

At a previous session Mr. Bament, in explaining the workings of the 80 per cent co-insurance policy of the standard fire insurance policy, said that it did not apply to policies on goods of which the value was less than \$2,500. Yesterday he amended that to read that it did not apply to such policies, if they were on household furniture.

To show the operation of this 80 per cent co-insurance clause, Mr. Bament read into the record examples, based on a case in which the value of the stock was \$10,000, on which therefore the co-

OPTION ON HAGGIN PLOT

Upper Fifth Avenue May Have 18-Story Apartment House.

It was rumored yesterday that a syndicate of several men had obtained an option to buy the old Progress Club property, which has a frontage of 100 feet in Fifth avenue and 100 feet in 62d street. The site is owned by James E. Haggin, who purchased it about seven years ago from the Progress Club trustees for about \$25,000.

The report has it that the syndicate proposes to build on the plot an eighteen-story cooperative apartment house, to contain only one apartment on a floor, for which a rental of \$20,000 a year is expected. If the scheme is carried through it will be the first building of its kind

in the heart of the home section of Fifth avenue. Carrere & Hastings are said to be the architects for the proposed building. The structure and land will represent an expenditure of about \$2,000,000, according to a representative of the syndicate. He said already five of the eight apartments have been sold to insure completion of the plan.

Mr. Haggin intended to build a new home on the property when he purchased it. It is the only unimproved property in Fifth avenue between 60th and 62d streets. At 61st street is a big apartment house, while another two-story cooperative apartment house is being erected at Fifth avenue and 61st street.

FLYNN GETS A SECRETARY

Mr. John D. Hill, for many years connected with the New York News Association, was appointed secretary to Second Deputy Police Commissioner Flynn and began his duties yesterday. Mr. Hill lives at No. 12 West 141st street.

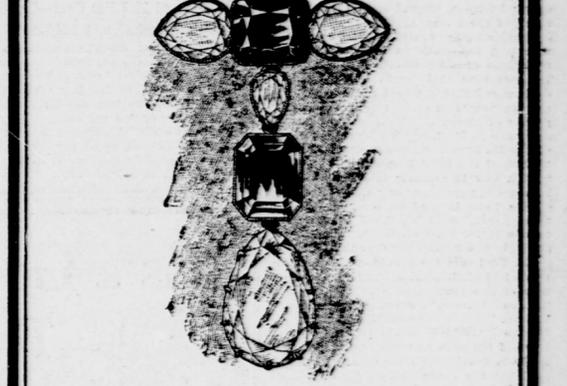
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The transfer of the children to Fordham Hospital was made in the automobile ambulance of the mile trip out to Yorktown Heights and back. The authorities at Fordham Hospital were rather reticent as to the status of the children, why they were city patients, and whether or not there was any suspicion that the watershed had been contaminated with typhoid germs as a result of the development of these cases within its borders.

The children's father died recently from typhoid fever.

"SALOME" IN THE BALANCE

May Wiggle Tentatively in St. Louis, but Not in Cleveland.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] St. Louis, Nov. 30.—Chief Young of the St. Louis Police Department will allow the presentation of "Salome"—that opera operetta to Chicago and St. Paul—until a point where, in the opinion of the morality squad, it gets shocking. If it grates on their finer sensibilities they will stop the performance. "Salome" may wiggle only tentatively, as it were.

Many leaders in local society and musical circles want St. Louis to follow in the wake of Chicago, which has suddenly discovered itself of puritanical tendencies. "I have never seen 'Salome,'" said Chief Young. "All I know about it is what I have read in the newspapers. I will have my morality squad on duty, and should the performance become objectionable they have orders to stop the opera."

Cleveland, Nov. 30.—Mary Garden will not be allowed to appear in "Salome" here. Mayor Baehr announced to-day that he would do as Chicago had done.

"LITTLE EVA" WRITES A BOOK

About Herself, of Course, Admits the Gyrating Vandeville Actress.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Pittsburg, Nov. 30.—Eva Tanguay, the vaudeville actress, announced to-day that she had written a book, which she confesses is based on the experiences of "Little Eva," as Miss Tanguay calls herself in song.

In referring to the book, Miss Tanguay said to-night: "Is it a story of my life experiences? Well, yes and no. It is a tale that is true. It is a plain story of life as I have seen and felt it. It is not pessimistic in tone, rather does it look on the bright side of life and brighter days that are to come."

ZELAYA'S SON IN VAUDEVILLE.

Alfonso Zelaya, son of ex-President Jose Zelaya, of Nicaragua, and himself a prominent actor in the recent revolution there, has taken to the stage as a means of livelihood while exiled from his native land. He will appear in a play, under the direction of William Morris and will be seen next Monday at the American Music Hall. Zelaya is said to be an accomplished pianist.



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