

HOW ALADAMS'S RICHES GREW

THE POLICY KING AND HIS WAY OF ROBBING THE POOR.

Began as a Runner for Simmons, Who Invented the Game—Has \$2,500,000 in Real Estate and Large Interests in Breweries—Devioted to His Children.

Al Adams, "the policy king," from the day he took hold of that business has sought to keep himself personally unknown. His name has been a byword for years, but few even in the Tenderloin, know the man by sight. His business, has always been conducted from some eminently respectable real estate office, run in the name of some one of his dummies. In the year he has had his own private office, on the door of which has simply appeared "Mr. Adams."

As the owner of some \$2,500,000 worth of real estate in this city Adams has had to have some one attend to this interest for him, and this capacity for him has always acted as a shield for the criminal.

It was in such a real estate office that Adams was arrested in the big raid, two years ago, and there much of the evidence on which he was convicted was found.

In appearance Adams is a tall, heavily built man, with iron-gray hair and an iron-gray mustache. He dresses plainly, always wearing black clothes and white linen. He looks for all the world like a prosperous but conservative business man.

Adams has been famous for years for his close-fistedness. He has never been known to offer a drink or a cigar to another man. The men he employed in helping him run the policy game in this city were poorly paid, the average salaries of his sheet writers, runners and tabulating clerks being in the neighborhood of \$25 a week.

No man among all the thousands who have worked for Adams in all these years has worked as hard as the policy king, however. He has spent all of his time working, going to bed early nights, so as to be the earlier at 7 in the morning, and rarely being seen in public places. It is said of Adams that for years he never took more than twenty minutes out of the middle of the day for his luncheon and that he never allowed any of his employees more than half an hour.

Adams's own weakness has been his family. His sons and daughters he has indulged in anything they wanted, and the failure of the daughters to make friendships at the fashionable schools to which he has sent them and the failure of the sons to break into the college societies have always been a bitter disappointment to him.

Adams has always been ambitious for his children, and he really thought that his enormous wealth would win them places in society. In but one other direction has Adams been liberal. That has been with his police protectors.

Adams got into the policy game in the Tweed days. The father of the game was a shrewd Yankee, named Zachariah Simmons. Simmons came to New York from New England, and he was a professional gambler for while and then made up his mind that millions were to be made out of some game that the poor could play with their odd cents, nickels and dimes.

So he invented the game of policy, and introduced it to the poor of the East Side of New York. Adams was the first to compare to that which Adams has operated. Simmons at least had honest drawings and if a man selected a winning gip he got his money, so Adams did not. For at least ten years there has not been a drawing made for Adams's games, until after all the betting sheets were in and counted over. The numbers that Adams put out were the combinations by which the least possible amount could be lost with the betting as it was.

Adams was a rascal on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad when Simmons gave him a job as a policy runner. A policy runner carried the numbers from the various shops to headquarters, sends out the winning drawings and is a handy man generally.

Adams was a better politician than Simmons knew, but the latter began to realize it when one fine day he found that Adams was doing a little writing himself on the side and using the Simmons drawings. Simmons didn't like a rival, but he couldn't kick Adams out. That young man went ahead writing policy until he built up a little capital. This he used to get into the entire business after Simmons died and his brothers who had also made fortunes, retired.

For that day up to the time that the big raid on Adams's headquarters broke the backbone of the game in this city, Adams has been the absolute boss of policy in this city. His writers have been in thousands of small shops, principally cigar and candy stores on the East Side, and no wager has been so small for policy as Adams's. The bulk of the policy business is done in bets of from one cent to a nickel and among the gamblers have been thousands of more children.

The phrase "policy fiend" is an apt one, for it describes the policy player perfectly. The players of the game are crazy over it and men and women who do not play it from their backs get a few cents to bet on some favorite gip or saddle.

The fascination of policy is hard for a person to understand who does not play it. The numbers from 1 to 75 inclusive are used and there are two lotteries, the Kentucky lottery and the State lottery. Each lottery has been run on a daily system which gave the greedy Adams two chances at his victims to Simmons's one.

The morning drawings twelve numbers are drawn out of a wheel and those constitute the drawing for the Kentucky lottery. Thirteen are drawn out of another wheel for the State lottery. These numbers, whatever they may happen to be, are arranged in four columns as they are drawn, two columns for one lottery and two columns for the other. The order in which the numbers come out is what decides whether a better wins or not.

There are many different ways that a fiend can bet on these seventy-eight numbers that it would be impossible to tabulate them. The most popular way, however, is for a player to select four numbers, all of which must be drawn, and three of which must appear in one column if he is to win. If this happens he gets odds of 100 to 1.

A single gip, that is, one number, may be played at odds of 60 to 1, but to win that the better has got to name the column in which it will appear. About once in 300 times a better will win on the single gip. Two numbers may be played in the same way at odds of 100 to 1.

The better on this has the privilege of having one come out in each column of one lottery, both in one column or one in the first column of the lottery and one in the first column of the State lottery. In fact he can have the numbers come out in any way he pleases so long as he names the way in advance.

The playing of single, double and combination gips is popular and there are endless ways of doing it. The numbers increase as the difficulties increase. Saddles are the numbers at the top and bottoms of each column. The biggest play in policy is the capital saddle for which the generous Adams pays odds of 1,000 to 1. There is no record in all the years of policy playing in this city of a man having won the capital saddle, which is to name the four numbers which will head and foot the columns of either lottery.

Runners have favorite gips and saddles which they play year in and year out and beat just often enough to keep the game attractive to them. With fair drawings the game is almost impossible to beat, but it is a known fact that although drawings are said to be made each morning and each afternoon at Covington, Ky.,

NO SING SING FOR ALADAMS.

HE'S GOING TO THE U. S. SUPREME COURT AT HIS LEISURE.

Meanwhile, With the Help of Sheriff O'Brien, He Stays in the Tombs Instead of Going Up the River "Forthwith"—The Court Deceives, Says Prosecutor.

Assistant District Attorneys Gans and Gray have set about getting vacated the writ of habeas corpus by virtue of which Al Adams is resting in the Tombs instead of in State Prison, where Sheriff O'Brien was directed by Justice Scott of the Supreme Court on Friday morning to take him forthwith. The Sheriff got the order in the morning, but interpreted "forthwith" to mean the next day, and Adams's counsel got the writ of habeas corpus and afternoon. That little matter of interpreting "forthwith" may mean all the difference to Adams of a summer in the State Prison and one in the Tombs. He is a rich man.

"The writ of habeas corpus which Adams's lawyer obtained," said Mr. Gans yesterday morning, "does not mean much in itself. There is no doubt that it will be vacated, but its purpose is to keep Adams in the Tombs until a writ may be procured in the United States courts. Now, I have no doubt also as to the ultimate decision on a writ in those courts, but the unfortunate thing about it would be that an appeal from a decision of a United States Judge vacating his own writ upon hearing the facts would act as a stay upon all proceedings in the State courts while the appeal travelled up to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Supreme Court of the United States will throw the case out of court, but it is not likely that that tribunal will reach the case in the matter of Adams while Adams will stay in the Tombs while his appeal is being perfected. The procedure will be just the same as it was in the case of Warden Biswartz."

"The experience I had yesterday in the Sheriff's office was just what I used to get when a Tammany Sheriff was in power. I tried to get the Sheriff to order Adams to State Prison forthwith and saw the under sheriff. He said that he would not take Adams until the next morning. I went with him and we finally called on Justice Scott together so that the under sheriff might get a definite answer. Justice Scott refused to say anything about the matter. There was no reason why he should say anything. The Sheriff had the 'forthwith' writ and Justice Scott is not the Sheriff's legal adviser. I told the Sheriff that a delay over night would probably result in delays on technicalities until fall."

"However I shall see what can be done about that writ. If it is not made out on sufficient grounds, I shall see that it is vacated and if there is a writ in the grounds I shall see that it is made out." Mr. Gray and Mr. Gans then went to the County Clerk's office and picked up the writ. They concluded that there were not yet any grounds for its issue and went before Justice Giegerich who issued it. Justice Giegerich issued the writ within an hour and it should not be vacated.

The petition for the writ was handed in on Friday to Justice Giegerich by Frank Oliver and Jimmy Oliver waited for it. Yesterday Jimmy was not to be found and Frank Oliver waited for Justice Giegerich. He protested against the decision being made in the afternoon in absence of his brother. He said that he was not Adams's lawyer.

"The Court has been grossly deceived," said Mr. Gans. "The petition on which this writ was obtained was entirely misleading. It was stated that the prisoner was confined in the Tombs on the commitment of Supreme Court Justice Scott, but it did not state that the prisoner was pursuant to the verdict of a jury after a trial by a competent court of record."

Jimmy Oliver's brother Frank said that he didn't know anything about the matter and asked for delay. Mr. Gans said that delay was what the policy men were playing for so that they could get the case into the United States courts. Oliver promised that no steps should be taken before Justice Giegerich decided upon the writ of habeas corpus, which is to be argued to-morrow. Gans wanted a promise made that no step should be taken until two hours after that decision but Oliver refused to do so. However, Justice Giegerich gave him the delay he asked.

Jimmy Ridgway who defended Adams, said yesterday that the conflict between him and Justice Giegerich was brought about in violation of the Constitution of the United States, because he was convicted upon evidence obtained from his private papers which were seized without a search warrant.

"Adams will never serve a day in State Prison," said Ridgway.

THE BEND LOSES A NEIGHBOR. Mrs. Rugen, Widow of Weiss, the Weiss Beer Man, Was Good for the Poor.

Mrs. Martha Rugen, who has been buried in Mulberry Bend for years past as "Mother" Rugen, died yesterday in the tenement which she built at 51 Bayard street thirty-two years ago. Mrs. Rugen had been ill since Christmas and her death was not unexpected. Mulberry Bend mourned her yesterday. She was noted for her charities.

Mrs. Rugen was about 62 years old. She was born in Germany and came to this country when a young girl. Her husband was Jacob Weiss, who made a fortune out of the light beer that took his name and who left his widow a wealthy woman. She built the Bayard tenement in 1871 and it was a model apartment house for those days. Since then she had lived in it. Not long after Mr. Weiss's death she married Claus Rugen. He died some years ago.

A thrifty woman with a good business head, Mrs. Rugen increased the fortune left her by Weiss. She ran the beer business for a long time and not until an investigation of her affairs had been made will it be known just how much money she had.

Mrs. Rugen is said to be have been one of the first women to drive behind a team of trotters in Central Park. She had a pair of blacks and when she made her appearance in Mulberry Bend with them she created a stir. She was a good whip and always drove with a steady hand.

Mrs. Rugen was fond of animals. Since her death a big black cat has prowled around the house whining and a talkative parrot has been mumm.

Mrs. Rugen's relatives are a stepson, Charles Rugen, and a niece, Miss Augusta Schubert. The funeral will be held to-day from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Broome street.

PRICE TO SING SING NEXT. No Grounds for Clemency Found in Convicted Attorney's Case.

Richard F. Price, a lawyer at present on Blackwell's Island, doing a year's sentence for stealing \$2,500 from a Tombs client, is to be taken to State Prison to-morrow to serve a sentence of one and a half years imposed a little more than a year ago by Judge Newburger in the General Sessions, for taking money under false representations from a woman who wanted to get her marriage annulled. Price produced a fraudulent decree of annulment, purporting to have been made by Justice Traugott of the Supreme Court, which he gave to his client. At this time Price was out of jail on bail on an appeal from his conviction for stealing his Tombs client's money. His preliminary term is up to-morrow. He has written to the Governor and to the District Attorney for clemency. He said that he had been convicted in both cases upon perjured testimony, and he asked Mr. Price to look into the matter and say a good word for him to the Governor. District Attorney Jerome's chief clerk, John A. Kennedy, investigated and reported to Mr. Jerome that it was a case in which there was no reason for clemency.

GARDENER OF HAIR.

With his 22 years of practical experience as a hair dresser in London, Chicago and New York, Prof. M. SCHOLDER is now in this city.

Prof. M. SCHOLDER, D. G. Graduate of Vienna, 146 West 23d St. (op. Proctor's), Room 2. Telephone office 1667. Home, 148th St. at 11th Ave., near 118th St. 2nd evening; Saturday 10 to 12.

AMORY KEEPS JEROME BUSY.

PHILBIN NOW EXPECTED TO GO TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

With His Own "Report" and Ask for Indictments—Nason Story Recalls Nason's Interest With Amory in Sale of Jerome Park Railway Property.

Not having had enough criminal litigation in himself, Amory yesterday filed the original department of the Amory-Baker-Taylor-Palin conspiracy will rush again to the attack of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company as soon as Amory's suit for criminal libel is done with. The new attack, according to information obtained yesterday, will be made by Mr. Fane-and-Fortune Philbin, who, it was said yesterday will lay before the District Attorney the report which he made on the condition of the Metropolitan company and ask for indictments to make it the basis of criminal proceedings against the officers of the company.

Amory submitted his "discoveries" about the company's condition to the District Attorney who thereupon employed an expert accountant to examine the company's books. Mr. Jerome's expert has completed his work and it is understood, he has been unable to find anything wrong with the company's condition. Amory having failed it seems that Mr. Philbin is going to take a back.

The so-called Philbin report was made for Henry J. Braker, who employed the former District Attorney to see if there was any legal chance of putting the company in the hands of a receiver. Amory's "discoveries" were learned yesterday about the attempt of Amory and others to have the District Attorney haul up the well-known corporate lawyer, William H. Page, Jr., on the charge of perjury. It is alleged by the Amory outfit, although no one will put his name to the story, that Daniel Nason once a lawyer partner of Mr. Jerome, called at Amory's house one evening since March 11; that an offer was made to Amory of something like \$200,000 for his interest in the Jerome Park railway on condition that Amory would quit fighting the Metropolitan company; that Nason said he had received \$500 from Mr. Page, and that Nason would not if the deal went through; that Amory had a stenographer behind some curtains who took down the whole conversation; that the stenographer's minutes is a part of the evidence submitted to Mr. Jerome, and that Nason has been called upon to produce his check book and his bank book to show that he deposited in his bank \$500 on the day he called to see Amory.

Mr. Nason was asked yesterday what he had to say about the perjury matter, and if he could explain it. Mr. Nason replied:

"I never did anything yet that I couldn't explain and I have never done anything that I was ashamed of. In reference to the matter regarding which you seek information, I want to say that I have been out of courtesy to the District Attorney. I cannot say anything until he has spoken. If you were a lawyer, you would understand my position."

Mr. Page left with his secretary, however, the following statement:

"Mr. Page states that he gave his testimony before Judge Barlow in the Amory matter and that the matter is now pending before that Judge. Therefore, he is precluded from making any statement or being interviewed with respect to it."

Nason has been heard of before. Something like five or six years ago the Metropolitan street railway was sold to the Jerome Park Railway. The Jerome family was largely interested in this road, particularly the heirs of Addison Jerome, an uncle of the District Attorney. The Jerome family, but Nason's transaction and the sale of the Fifth Avenue stage line Amory swore the other day that he made \$60,000.

Nason's office is at 45 William street, and until yesterday the sign on the door read: "Jerome & Nason." Yesterday the Jerome end of the sign was taken off, and it was changed to "Disposal of the Jerome Property." Mr. Nason a very businesslike note, to the effect that nobody of the name of Jerome was connected with the firm and that the District Attorney wanted the old name removed at once.

SUIT TO UNCLE KNOTT-KNOTT. Young Man Says a Servant Married Him on False Pretences.

David H. Knott, of the Holley, 36 Washington Square West, has begun an action in the Supreme Court to have a ceremony annulled by which he was married in Brooklyn to Jane Ward on Oct. 29, 1898. At that address or by whom the two were married, Knott, he does not know.

When the papers submitted to Justice Blanchard for permission to serve Jane Ward Knott, who is said to be now in Scotland, by publication, it appears that she was formerly in the employ of James Knott, of 33 Washington Square South, proprietor of the Holley. David H. Knott was only 18 years old when the marriage ceremony occurred, while she was 28. In June, 1899 she left here and returned to her home at Garrochmill, near Glasgow, Scotland, declaring that she would not return to this country again.

The plaintiff says that he has tried to find out by whom he was married but has failed. She induced him to marry her, he says, by making false representations concerning her age and her parents, he says, he consented. After the ceremony she admitted that her representations were false and he refused to live with her.

Knott's lawyer, Edward S. Clinch, when asked for further particulars abruptly refused to furnish them. He has sent Justice Blanchard granted the order for service by publication.

Bishop Moreland Censured? SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—The Court of Inquiry, to examine into the charges against Bishop Moreland of Sacramento, brought by the Rev. William Ballard of Vallejo, reported last night to Bishop Clark by telegraph that it had made its return but that the subject is international law and he would reveal the result. It is the general impression that the board has decided that as most Bishop Moreland is deserving of censure for indiscretions and for reaching outside the boundaries of his diocese. Mr. Ballard threatens an appeal if such should be the finding of the inquiry.

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Waists of white figured Damask with front of fine cluster tucking, tucked back, full sleeves, tab collar, finished with fine large pearl buttons. Waists of fine white Pique, tucked front, yoke effect, French back, full sleeve, fancy tab collar. Special at \$1.98

Colored Waists of fancy silk striped Madras, Chambray or Lawn, with tucking or plain full front, fancy stock or tab collar. At \$1.98

Waists of Taffeta Silk, Albatross, French Flannel or Bedford Cord, colored or white, in various styles with tucking or fancy stitching. Sizes are incomplete. Values \$3.00 to \$6.50. Special at \$1.98

Cotton Waists of Vestings, Linens, Cheviots or Madras, in a variety of colors, with tucking and wide plaiting; some button side effects; this season's models. Sizes are incomplete. Values \$3.50 to \$6.75. At \$1.98

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Curtains of fine Swiss Muslin, with Hamburg edging ruffles or Renaissance insertion and edging. Bobinet Curtains, with lace insertion and edging. Values \$2.50 and \$3.50. Special at \$2.00

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JAPANESE SEEK DEGREES.

One Wants a Ph. D. and Two Are Candidates for Master's Degree. Dr. Woodbury Experimenting With Garbage and Fuel as Fuel.

At yesterday's meeting of the university council at Columbia it was reported that there are 216 applicants for post-graduate degrees in arts and philosophy this year. Forty-five men and five women seek the doctorate. Among the candidates for the doctor's degree, the highest offered by the university for academic work, is Seiji Hishida of Nagasaki, Japan. He took the degree of chu-gaku gakkou at the Imperial University at Gifu, Japan, in 1894 and three years ago the master's degree was awarded him at New York University. Hishida's major subject is international law and his dissertation subject is "The International Position of Japan."

Two other Japanese are enrolled among the 184 candidates for the master's degree. They are Yoshimaru Ishikawa, 26, chu-gaku, Imperial University of Tokio, '98, who is studying political science and finance and whose thesis deals with "Government Monopolies," and Yutchi Masuda, 26, chu-gaku, Imperial University of Tokio, '98, who writes on "The Economic Conception of Labor."

5,478 Immigrants Landed Yesterday. The immigrants landed at Ellis Island yesterday numbered 5,478, and included a rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed lot of Irish lasses and lads who arrived on the Campania and the Celtic.

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A Sale of Garments for Women. The power of intelligent choice of what is really beautiful in garments for women, finds ample opportunity in the models which this sale embraces. As for values, we consider them remarkable.

Tailor-Made Suits of Black or Blue Voile; double cape trimmed with stitched Taffeta and braid; plaited ankle length skirt. Values from \$35.00 to \$45.00

Tailor-Made Suits of Cheviots, Batistines and Veilings, most of which are made over silk lining, six models from which to select, trimmed with Taffeta silk, laces and so forth. Special at \$24.00

Pedestrienne Suits of Fancy Mixtures or Home-spuns, in gray, green, brown or blue; long plaited coat with belt; skirt to correspond. Value \$35.00. Special at \$22.00

Top Coats of Tan covert cloth, corset effect, French seams. Value \$21.50. At \$14.50

Separate Dress Skirts of black French Voile, two models, over silk drop, elaborately trimmed with straps of Taffeta silk. Value \$24.00. At \$16.50

Pedestrienne Skirts in black or navy chevot; mannish mixtures or light or dark gray chevot, side-plaited effect, trimmed with straps of material over hips; flare around bottom. Value \$8.50. Special at \$6.90

Taffeta silk Coats, Russian Blouse effect with skirt; or loose-fitting model, with triple cape, white silk collar, embroidered with black and colored braid; cuffs to correspond. Value \$27.00. At \$19.50

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We Will Offer Special for Monday: Wash Fabrics. French Organdies, 32 inches wide, of the finest imported quality; sheer in texture, with the strength of canvas; dainty floral effects in various colors. Value 35c. Special at 25c

Imported white Mercerized Fabrics, satin striped effects, in an exhaustive variety of designs, the most of which are exclusive. Value 30c per yard. Special at 39c

India Linons, 32 inches wide, sheer quality, designed for summer gowns and waists. Value 15c per yard. Special at 10c

Etamines, 36 inches wide, one of the most beautiful weaves which the American mills have presented; in red, black, white, old rose, cadet, new blue, linen, light blue, mode, Nile or pink. Value 15c per yard. Special at 8c

Zephyr Madras, 32 inches wide, in a variety of dainty patterns, of various colors, adapted for shirt waists or shirt waists suits. Value 15c per yard. Special at 10c

Swiss and Broche novelties, a sheer fabric in woven or broche effects of dots, figured or floral designs in all colors. Value 25c. Special at 16c

Imported French Pique, 29 inches wide, in striped or small figured effects on white grounds. Value 30c per yard. Special at 16c

We Will Offer Special for Monday: Leather Goods. New carriage bags of Grain Walrus Leather in tan, gray or black; Silk Moire lined, fitted with Card Case to match; 8-inch frame. Value \$2.00. Special at \$1.25

Automobile Bags of superior Grain Leather, in black, lined with Silk of a high grade. Value \$3.00. Special at \$1.95

Carriage Bags of Saffian (English morocco) Leather, in green, red, royal or black, Silk lined. Value \$3.95. Special at \$2.25

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