

YOU'RE MY HUSBAND, SAID SHE

AND THOUGH HE WASN'T HE WAS PINCHED FOR DESERTION.

When she stuck to it in court and her mother backed her she had a hard time getting out of his real wife—the very queerest matrimonial error.

A conductor on the Second Avenue trolley line was arrested yesterday on a warrant issued by Magistrate Ommen in the Yorkville police court on a charge of abandonment by a young woman who said she was Mrs. Rose Imperatore and that the prisoner was Leonard Imperatore, her husband.

"She's not my wife," the prisoner said to the Magistrate. "She's a stranger to me. The job's on me, all right, though. I'm out a day's pay for this."

"You may be out more than a day's pay. This woman says you are her husband," the Magistrate responded.

When the warrant was issued Policeman Jandine went with the young woman and her mother to the barns of the trolley company. She said that her husband had deserted her two months after their marriage and she was unable to get any trace of him until a month ago, when she happened to see him on a Second Avenue trolley car.

"I can tell him by his teeth and by his smile," she told the policeman. When they searched the car barns she pointed out a good natured looking conductor, who was smiling as he talked to some other employees.

"You've got the wrong man, Judge. I've got a wife at my home at 412 East 120th street," the conductor said, still smiling. "I've been married six years and I'm 24 years old."

"There's no mistake, Judge. He's my husband. I guess I ought to know," insisted the woman.

"Yes, he's the husband. I was at the wedding, and so were his father and mother," added the complainant's mother.

"This is a very puzzling case," remarked the Magistrate, and he asked the conductor if he ever saw the young woman before his arrest.

"Yes, I saw her a month ago," answered the prisoner. "She got on my car one day, and I asked her for her fare. 'Why, you're my husband. I don't have to pay any fare,' she said to me. I thought she was trying to jolly me, but she wasn't, and she wouldn't pay. More than that, she wanted to know, in front of all the passengers, why I didn't live with her. I got ashamed of the talk before the people and asked her to meet me that night, and she did so. I invited her to step into a saloon to talk over our supposed marriage, but she said she would not go into any strange place, and that I must go home with her, as her family was waiting to see me. I had to run away from her."

"What is your name?" asked the Magistrate.

"Justice Fitch."

"No, Leonard Imperatore?"

"No, sir. I never heard of him."

"How can you stand there and deny your own wife?" asked the woman.

"Are you an Italian?" the Magistrate inquired of the conductor.

"I was born in this city, but my father was of Italian parentage," replied the prisoner. "My mother was an O'Grady. My father died when I was a year old, so how could he be at my wedding two years ago?"

QUEER HEARST TELEGRAM.

Message Calling Off Indiana Agents—He Says It Is a Forgery.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8.—The men in charge of the Hearst headquarters to-day were perplexed over the receipt of a telegram which came from Mr. Hearst to Andrew M. Lawrence, who is in charge of the headquarters here. The telegram was sent to Chicago from Washington and was repeated from Chicago to this city on the assumption that Mr. Lawrence was here. It read:

CHICAGO, April 7, 1904. Andrew M. Lawrence, Indianapolis: Hearst's latest did not get more than 15 or 20. In the Southern ward, where the union labor vote is strong, he received the largest vote, but was beaten there by 2 to 1.

W. R. Hearst, who is in Washington, was called up by long distance telephone last night and made the following statement:

"The Indianapolis telegram is wholly false. Papers there have either been imposed upon or else have published a deliberate forgery."

JURY FOR HIM, STILL IN JAIL.

Justice Rogers Set Aside the Verdict in Favor of James H. Temple.

James H. Temple, formerly the president of the William G. Campbell Company, the wallpaper house, is still in Ludlow Street Jail in default of \$25,000 bail, despite the fact that a jury in the Supreme Court yesterday rendered a verdict in Temple's favor in the suit in which he was arrested.

Unfortunately for Temple, Justice Rogers set the verdict aside almost immediately, holding that it was contrary to the weight of evidence, and expressing himself as not all satisfied with Temple's evidence.

James E. Howell, receiver for the firm, sued Temple in January last to recover \$40,000, which, he alleged, Temple had converted to his own use while acting as president of the corporation. Temple was arrested on a civil process and has been unable to furnish the \$25,000 bond.

Philip D. Mallory, formerly the vice-president of the company, was also a defendant in the suit. The funds in question were part of the proceeds of the sale of the London agency of the firm. Mallory did not appear in court.

Temple testified that he had transferred the money to Mallory and that he knew nothing of what became of it. The jury found for him. His counsel, Austen G. Fox, was about to congratulate him when James R. Sheffield, counsel for Mr. Howell, moved that the verdict be set aside, and much to Mr. Fox's surprise Justice Rogers promptly granted the motion.

MAY NOT LET HIM SAIL.

Warrant for a Druggist About to Go to Europe—Had Accused Physicians.

CINCINNATI, April 8.—Charles Weissmann, a well known druggist of Cummins-ville, a suburb, yesterday had two warrants prepared for the arrest of Dr. Charles Ferris and Dr. Chase Ferris, brothers, reputable physicians of College Hill. He charged that the physicians had administered to him cocaine in a glass of beer in a sufficient quantity to have been fatal, had he not at once sought relief from another physician.

After having the warrant issued Weissmann asked that it be not served until two or three months hence, when he returned from a trip to Europe. He left yesterday for New York to sail on Saturday. He said he had already purchased his steam ticket, therefore could not well postpone his departure.

Weissmann had no witnesses, and as the physicians accused are of the best repute, it is doubtful if the warrants would have been served speedily anyway.

This afternoon Dr. Charles Ferris obtained a warrant for a charge of criminal libel, and hastened to police headquarters to have the local police cooperate with the police in New York to have Weissmann detained before he sails on Saturday via the Hamburg-American Line for Germany.

Weissmann is a successful business man and a day or two ago sold for cash one of his three drug stores. Prof. F. E. Fox of the University of Cincinnati was one of the chemists who found cocaine in the contents of Weissmann's stomach.

BOY'S LIFE SAVED BY A DOG.

He Had Been Stripped, Hanged by One Arm to a Tree and Left to Perish.

ODENSBURG, N. Y., April 8.—Jack Chambers, the ten-year-old son of W. W. Chambers, a farmer living near the village of Fort Robinson, was picked up by the door of his home yesterday by an unknown man, carried to a remote part of his father's orchard and there stripped of his clothing, hanged by one arm to a tree and left to perish.

Some hours later, alarmed by his absence, the parents started to search, and after some time the curious actions of the boy's pet dog attracted the attention of the neighbors. Going ahead with joyful bounds the dog brought the mother to the tree where the boy was hanging. The little fellow, almost unconscious and blue from exposure, was taken down and restoratives administered, and it is thought he will recover.

A posse of police and farmers is hot on the trail of the perpetrator of the act, who is believed to be in the neighborhood. If he is captured he will probably be lynched, as the villagers are greatly excited over the affair and threaten to take the law into their own hands.

Unsuccessful. Vaher's Special Reserve White Label Scotch.—Ad.

POWERS HERE FOR A POWWOW

DEPEW AND PAYNE TO BE TUESDAY'S CONVENTION CHAIRMEN

All That's Been Decided So Far in a Plat-Oddell Talk—Platform Can Wait, Says the Governor—He's Surprised to Find the Hotel Deserted When He's There.

Senator Platt and Gov. Odell came to town last night and will stay here until after the Republican State convention, to be held next Tuesday in Carnegie Music Hall. The two had a conference in Senator Platt's room, and discussed plans in general for the coming convention. All that was definitely decided on was that Senator Chauncey M. Depew should be the temporary chairman of the convention, and Representative Sereno E. Payne of Auburn the permanent chairman. This has been expected.

The real preliminary work of the convention will begin to-day. The Fifth Avenue Hotel was practically dead last night despite the presence of the Senator and the Governor. Not more than half a dozen well known Republicans called at the hotel.

One reason for this was that the Legislature did not adjourn in time for the members to get to New York. But to-day there will flock to the city the organization leaders of the State, the county chairmen and delegates to the convention. No formal conference will take place until Monday afternoon, but there will be meetings between Senator Platt, the Governor and the prominent men of the party to talk over the platform and to discuss delegates to the national convention.

Senator Platt was too fatigued by his journey to discuss the political situation. He was asked about the report that Gov. Franklin Murphy of New Jersey may be the new chairman of the national committee.

"I cannot say whether or not he will be the chairman," Mr. Platt replied, "but I can say that he would be an excellent man for that position."

Gov. Odell said: "All that was done to-night was to decide on the men who will be presented to the convention as the presiding officers. Other details will be left until to-day. I did not talk with Senator Platt about the platform. There is time enough to have that prepared before the conference to be held on Monday afternoon."

"Will the chairman of the committee on resolutions be a New York city man?" the Governor was asked.

"I don't think so," he replied, which killed a report that Lemuel E. Quigg might be the man to head that committee.

Mr. Quigg is one of the delegates from the Nineteenth Assembly district. John S. Wise and his son had a long talk in the corridor of the hotel with the Governor. When they parted young Mr. Wise volunteered the information that at the district convention on Thursday night Mr. Quigg had been selected as a delegate because it was reported that the Governor had expressed a desire that he should be included in the delegation.

"But the Governor has just told us," said Mr. Wise, "that he had never expressed any such idea, so it looks as though some of us up in the Nineteenth district had been sort of bamboozled."

The only life at the hotel last night was supplied by William Barnes, Jr., and William L. Ward of Westchester, who is said to be slated to succeed Mr. Barnes as chairman of the executive committee of the State committee. They came into the hotel together. When Mr. Barnes was asked if he expected to be superseded he remarked to Mr. Ward, "How about it, Billy? Are you after my job?"

"Well, Mr. Ward began, 'when you are ready to give it up, I'd perhaps be glad to do it.'"

"All right, Billy," Mr. Barnes interrupted, "you can have it when you get it."

It was just after this that Mr. Odell came down from Senator Platt's room. "It's quiet around here to-night, isn't it?" he said.

He was told that Messrs. Barnes and Ward were sitting at a table in the cafe trying to force the job of chairman of the executive committee on each other.

"Well, let 'em stay together for half an hour, and perhaps they'll persuade themselves that both will be elected," he said.

From the present outlook there will be a fight in the Thirtieth Congress district over the election of delegates to the national convention. This district comprises the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-ninth Assembly districts. Elihu Root, William N. Cohen, Nicholas Murray Butler and Edward Lauterbach each wants to represent the district at Chicago. The straightening out of this tangle will be one of the matters that Senator Platt and Gov. Odell will take up to-day.

LEADER B. FABER OF JAMAICA, L. I., IS TO TAKE THE PLACE ON THE STATE COMMITTEE OF W. M. MCKINNEY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT.

YOUNG PERFORMER HURT.

O'Rourke Boy Is Hit by a Car—Twasn't the Motorman's Fault, He Says.

Daniel Francis O'Rourke, a seven-year-old singer and dancer, of 325 East Fourteenth street, thought he would take a farewell look at the town yesterday afternoon, as he was to leave this morning for San Francisco with his father, William O'Rourke, of the vaudeville team of O'Rourke and Burnette. His father tried to keep an eye on him because, he said, he had a presentiment that something would happen to the boy.

In front of 338 East Fourteenth street the youngster tried to dodge a westbound crosstown car, but the fender knocked him on his face, and he was pushed fifteen feet before the car was stopped. His father, who saw the crowd collecting, ran to the spot and was the first to lift up the fender and release the injured boy.

The child was unconscious, and O'Rourke had just yelled "Some one get a cop to arrest this motorman," when the boy opened his eyes and said:

WANT ROOT FOR GOVERNOR.

Northern New York Republicans Who Are Hostile to Odell.

WATERBURY, N. Y., April 8.—At last night's monthly meeting of the Lincoln League, the strongest Republican organization in northern New York, having a membership of nearly 1,500, the following was adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sentiment of the league as to the nomination of Elihu Root as the next Republican candidate for Governor of the State of New York, such committee to report at the next regular meeting of the league, or at an official meeting to be called at the option of the president for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of the committee."

The forthcoming resolutions will launch the boom for Secretary Root, setting forth reasons why he is the logical candidate. Many of the Republicans of northern New York are hostile to Gov. Odell and openly denounce him and his administration. Should he be renominated, he could not hold his party together in this country within several hundred miles of the present primaries. The first ward of this city expressed a sentiment in favor of Mr. Root for Governor.

HOW TO SALUTE THE FLAG.

Easy to Tell a Boy, Says the President, but Girl's Question Stumped Him.

Helen, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Beach of 99 New York avenue, Bayonne, N. J., would like to know if there is any one who can tell her something she is anxious to know and which President Roosevelt was unable to tell her. Mr. and Mrs. Beach and their daughter have just returned from Washington where they were the guests of Congressman Benny. The visitors were presented to the President by Mr. Benny. Helen caught the President's fancy and he patted her on the head. Before going to see the President Helen had told Mr. Benny that she had an important question to ask the President and when the latter was informed of this by the Congressman he smiled and told Helen to go ahead.

"Mr. President," said the child, "will you kindly tell me the proper way for a girl to salute the American flag? I would like to know very much."

The President's smile disappeared and after a moment or so of thinking, he replied: "My little girl, if you had only asked me how a boy should salute the flag I would say by raising his hat and drawing his arm to his left side, but really I do not know just how a girl should salute."

The little girl was greatly disappointed.

QUIETED BY DR. WOODBURY.

Miss Jeannette Gordon of Nyack Goes to the Psychopathic Ward.

Jeannette Gordon, 34 years old, who comes from Nyack, but has been living recently in a handsomely furnished apartment in the Annetonette, at 45 East Fifty-eighth street, became violently insane last Saturday afternoon and was taken to the psychopathic ward at Bellevue Hospital.

She was accompanied in the ambulance by Dr. Kellogg of Flower Hospital and Dr. John McGraw Woodbury, the Street Cleaning Commissioner. "Miss Gordon," it was said at the house, "raised a awful fuss, and when she started to lock the door and began to break up everything in the place. When she started on the furniture, after smashing the dishes, one of the attendants telephoned for Dr. Herbert L. Constable of 72 West Forty-eighth street. He came and tried to quiet Miss Gordon but he wasn't very successful.

He telephoned for a friend of his, though, and the friend managed to quiet her enough to get her into the ambulance and then went with her to the hospital."

"You didn't know that I have a peculiar faculty for being able to pacify insane persons," said Dr. Woodbury, when reporters sought him. "I don't know just what this charm is that I possess, but I have often been called to quiet men in the Street Cleaning Department, who have suddenly lost their reason. In every case I have been very successful."

"Dr. Constable had heard of my ability in connection with these cases, so he sent for me to help him out this afternoon. I was not acquainted with Miss Gordon."

A JOKE ON DEPEW.

After Dinner Story That He Has Been Sending Garden Seeds to Yachting.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., April 8.—About 200 of the Republicans of Westchester county who attended the dinner of the Young Men's Republican Club, held in Fairfax Hall to-night, expecting to hear Senator Depew deliver an address on President Roosevelt were disappointed. Although Senator Depew's name was on the programme, he discovered at the last moment that he could not leave Washington, and telegraphed his regrets to President J. Henry Esser.

In the absence of the Senator a joke was told at his expense. It was asserted that he recently asked certain party leaders for a list of farmers in Westchester county so that he could send them garden seeds. Somebody sent him a list of the members of the Larchmont Yacht Club, and now the mail of prominent yachtsmen along the Sound is flooded with packages of garden seeds bearing his compliments.

Speeches were made by Prof. Isaac Franklin Russell of New York, ex-Judge Arthur S. Tompkins of Rockland county, ex-Judge Isaac N. Hull of Mount Vernon, and James W. Milled of Peekskill. Ex-Mayor Leslie Sutherland of Yonkers was toastmaster. The favors were toy elephants.

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Herbert Emerson, Chicago's "Egg King," Purchases 33 Carloads at Once.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Herbert Emerson, of South Water street to-day bought 4,752,000 eggs. He is the "egg king" of Chicago and has been buying and selling three carloads of eggs, practically the whole lot offered for storage, to-day. He paid 18¢ cents a dozen for them.

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PRIMARY FIGURES.

Democrats to Republicans Nearly 3 to 2—135,093 Independents.

The report of the Bureau of Elections on the last registrations shows that out of a total of 626,581 registered voters in all five boroughs 204,973 formally identified themselves with the Democratic party and 178,277 with the Republican party. The number of registered voters who declined to declare themselves as being attached to any party was 135,093. The Social Democrats show an increased enrollment. The adherents to that party now reach a total of 7,388.

NEW RADIO-ACTIVE ELEMENTS

PROF. BASKERVILLE OF NORTH CAROLINA DISCOVERS TWO.

Carolinium and Berzantium Exhibited at the Chemists' Club—He Found Them in Thorium After Ten Years of Experiments—Scientific Triumph Described.

In an address delivered last night at the Chemists' Club 108 West Fifty-fifth street Prof. Charles Baskerville of the University of North Carolina announced the discovery of two new elements. In telling of them he said:

"The elements which I have to discuss were discovered after more than ten years of experiment with monazite sand, which I found in North Carolina. For this reason I have called one carolinium. The other is named berzantium in honor of an early investigator."

"These elements owe their development partly to the use of thorium dioxide and have a higher power of luminosity. 'What the worth may be commercially I cannot say. It has taken me ten years to produce three grains, which is all that exists on earth. I shall present half of that to the Chemists' Club.'"

The lecture was concluded with illustrations in a darkened room of the radio-active properties of the two new elements. Each shed illumination through tubes successively placed about it, until it shone through copper, brass, rubber, iron and glass, all covered with cloth.

Prof. Baskerville is the first American to have discovered a new element. This statement was made by members of the Chemists' Club last night. They also said that Prof. Baskerville's discoveries may open to the scientific world new fields of research in regard to illumination.

Prof. Baskerville, who is 34 years old, has been at the University of North Carolina since 1894. He was first an assistant and is now a full professor of chemistry, and director of the chemical laboratory. He is a member of a number of learned societies and the author of a school chemistry, as well as of a number of technical articles.

ROOSEVELT HAS WARNED RUSSIA

And New Jewish Massacres at Odessa and Kiev Are Unlikely, O. S. Straus Says.

Oscar S. Straus said yesterday that he had received a cable despatch from Russia confirming the reports that renewed massacres of Jews were feared at Odessa and Kiev this spring. Mr. Straus said that pamphlets and circulars were distributed a few days ago in Odessa for the purpose of arousing the lower element to repeat that city during the Russian Easter the massacres which took place a year ago in Kieff.

The matter has been taken up by the British Government, said Mr. Straus, and Lord Rothchild having brought it to the attention of Lord Lansdowne. In this country President Roosevelt promptly caused Secretary Hay to take the matter up with Ambassador Cassini at Washington, with the request that the Ambassador immediately call the subject to the attention of his Government at St. Petersburg, and to convey the President's hope that the Government at St. Petersburg would use all possible precautions to prevent a recurrence of the terrible outrages of a year ago which caused such widespread protests on the part of the people and of religious bodies throughout this country.

"There is reason to believe that the action taken by the Government at St. Petersburg in instructing Governor Nekidhar, who is in charge of Odessa, and Baron Kaubars, who is in command of the troops in that district of Russia, will have the desired effect in checking any anti-Semitic manifestations. Aside from the humanitarian consideration that has actuated the President and Secretary Hay in calling Ambassador Cassini's attention to the alarm that is in the country our Government in the interest of friendly relations desires to prevent any occasion for such manifestations of public opinion which would put a strain upon the strictly neutral attitude this country seeks to maintain in the present war between Russia and Japan. The Jews in Odessa are a large and comparatively prosperous community, and their kindred in this country have shared the alarm which is so deeply felt by the brethren in southern Russia."

Seven men will be the speakers for the ceremonies of the opening day of the fair. They had had word from some of the sources. Mr. Finck excused himself for supporting the bill by saying that the New York Society for the Preservation of the Adirondacks and the New York Board of Trade and Transportation were not opposed to it. There was a lively hustle for votes, for when the roll was called it was found that there were not enough votes in the chamber to pass it, and, therefore, the behooved the members interested to get them inside. Finally the bill was passed.

That high-minded man from Waterbury who is always interested in anything that pertains to the Adirondacks, Senator Elton R. Brown, evinced a strong interest in the bill. While it was pending he was in the Assembly chamber, and he did not leave the clerk announced that the bill had passed.

SENATE PASSES EAST RIVER GAS BILLS. The Senate to-day passed Assemblyman Remsen's bill the purpose of which is to permit the Consolidated Gas Company of New York city to abandon its dozen gas plants on Manhattan Island and to erect a mammoth plant at Astoria, where gas will be made and sent over for consumption on Manhattan Island, through the East River Gas Company's tunnel. The bill passed the last Legislature, but was vetoed by Mayor Low. There is some question as to whether it is a city bill. But Attorney-General Cullen last year decided that it was, so it is likely the measure will be sent to Mayor McClellan this year for his approval. If he should disapprove of it the bill is dead. The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 31 to 12, with little or no discussion.

WOMAN DECLARED DEAD.

Judge So Pronounces Miss M. A. Gilbert, Who Has Been Missing 10 Years.

NEW HAVEN, April 8.—Because her relatives had not heard from Miss Mary Ann Gilbert, formerly of this city, for sixteen years, they asked Judge Cleveland of the Probate court to-day to declare her dead, which he did.

Miss Gilbert was the sister of the late Charles B. Gilbert, who died recently, leaving \$50,000 to be distributed among his three sisters. The missing sister was independently wealthy and an accomplished musician. Several years ago she went abroad to study music. When her mother died, in 1888, Miss Gilbert wrote from Bombay, India, but not a word has been received from her since.

Her estate is not to be distributed, under the law of this State, for five years.

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RUSSELL SAGE LOSES \$100,000.

Decision of the Minnesota Supreme Court in a Land Grant Case.

ST. PAUL, April 8.—Russell Sage lost \$100,000 by a decision of the Minnesota Supreme Court to-day. In 1856 the Dakota and Hastings Railroad refused a land grant in Minnesota. Subsequently Russell Sage bought the bonds of this road, carrying with it the land grants.

In 1883 the company attempted to select additional lands to replace those taken by homesteaders. Since then homesteaders have settled on this land. The court holds that the selection of lands by the railroad company was defective and insufficient and that the company acquired no rights under it and that the land was properly given to the homesteaders.

ANTI-JEWISH RIOT IN PRUSSIA.

Mob Damages Property at Neustadt, but No Blood is Shed.

Berlin, April 8.—A mob of peasants attacked the Jewish quarter in Neustadt, Prussia, yesterday. Houses were stoned, windows smashed and property plundered. The police prevented bloodshed.

TURCO-BULGARIAN AGREEMENT.

It Has Been Signed, but the Details Are Withheld.

Sofia, April 8.—The Turco-Bulgarian agreement, the negotiation of which threatened to result in a rupture of diplomatic relations, has been signed at Constantinople. The details are withheld.

TRYING TO SHUT BRYAN OUT.

Parker Men Think They Can Keep Him Off Nebraska's Delegation.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 8.—The Parker movement is spreading in Nebraska, and Lee Hardman, who has been the chief of the anti-Bryan movement, said to-night that he regarded it as doubtful if Mr. Bryan would be a member of the Nebraska delegation to St. Louis.

A few weeks ago Mr. Hardman conceded that Mr. Bryan would be one of the four delegates at large and even insisted upon it, but the success that has attended the organization of the Parker movement has spread and he had them to believe they can prevent Mr. Bryan from going to the convention.

New York advisers have been urging that Bryan be kept away from St. Louis. If possible, and the anti's are attempting to put up the pins for that purpose.

PROTECTED DRUNKEN MOTHER.

Hungry Children Tried to Conceal Her When a Policeman Appeared.

Tenants in the house at 2534 Seventh avenue complained to a policeman that they had seen a woman, Mrs. Annie Finley, who was intoxicated and unable to care for her three children. The policeman went to the house and found the children, the oldest of whom is 9 years, sitting on a spread on the floor.

They told him that their mother had gone out and was all right. The policeman saw two feet sticking from under the spread and he made the children get up. They had tried to conceal their mother and began to cry when they saw that their feeble attempt had failed.

The woman was looked up. The three children, who were hungry and half clad, were sent to the rooms of the Gerry society, after the sergeant had bought them something to eat.

WORLD'S FAIR NEARLY READY.

Ninety-seven Per Cent. of the Buildings to Be Finished by April 30.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—Ninety-seven per cent. of all of the exposition buildings will be ready on April 30, the opening day, and by May 15 the exposition will be completed in every respect.

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Henry Gansm