

ANY MORE \$500 BLACKMAIL?

JEROME GOING TO ASK "SMART SET" SUBSCRIBERS.

E. R. Thomas Tells Why Mrs. Thomas Subscribed—He Himself Balked at a \$1,500 Book—Says Able Told Him "The Boys" Wanted a Yacht—Able Got a Little One.

An investigation is to be made by District Attorney Jerome to find out if any of the well known men and women who have up to \$500 each for "America's Smart Set," published by the Society Editors' Association, were blackmailed into doing so.

This will be done in order to get more evidence against Charles H. Able, a solicitor for the Society Editors' Association, who is charged with having attempted to extort \$500 from Edwin M. Post of the Stock Exchange by threat of publishing a scandal in *Town Topics*.

Any of the well known persons who have subscribed and who own in town will be summoned to the District Attorney's office and examined by Assistant District Attorney Jerome. E. R. Thomas, who was formerly a partner of Mr. Post in the stock brokerage business, was questioned yesterday and explained how his wife came to subscribe at the behest of Able. All day yesterday Mr. Jerome got telephone messages congratulating him on the arrest of Able.

The messages came from men who had been "struck" by Mr. Jerome, said that a number of public men were on the list.

This was arranged before Magistrate McAvoy at the Tombs yesterday on Mr. Post's extortion charge. Assistant District Attorney Krotel asked that bail be fixed at \$5,000, but Able's counsel thought that \$2,500 was enough.

"This scandal is growing every minute," said Mr. Krotel. "When this man was arrested he had a number of subscription blanks showing that many well known people had subscribed to this book, and intended to make an investigation."

"Were they genuine subscribers?" asked the Magistrate.

"Apparently so," replied Mr. Krotel, "but we are going to find out under what circumstances they subscribed."

Able's counsel said that was nothing against him, but Magistrate McAvoy remarked, in fixing bail at \$3,500, that it was "enough to arouse suspicion." Able coughed, and he was taken over to the Tombs.

Detective Sergeant Farley went to Mr. Thomas's office with a subpoena, but it wasn't needed. Mr. Thomas responded and said that Able had called on him six months ago, and wanted him to subscribe for "America's Smart Set." Mr. Thomas said he was busy and told Able to see his wife, who might be interested. Able lost no time in seeing Mrs. Thomas, according to Mr. Thomas's story.

"He told me," said Mr. Thomas, "that I had sent him to see her and that I wished to present the book to her as a gift. She gave him her check for \$500. I haven't seen the book, but soon after that Able called on me again and said: 'Mr. Thomas we are getting out a new edition of the book and you can't afford to be without it. He showed me two subscription cards for \$1,500 each, signed by Clarence H. Mackay, and J. A. Astor.'"

"I didn't want the book," he said. "Mr. Thomas, the boys—the editors—are a little tired; they need rest and want to get a yacht." I told him that I hoped they would get the yacht and that all his editors would go down on it. I wouldn't let him blackmail me—there was nothing he could blackmail me on."

Justice Deuel of Special Sessions, who is a friend of William D. Mann, the publisher of *Town Topics* and a director in the corporation that publishes *Town Topics*, reiterated yesterday that he would do all in his power to aid in the prosecution of Able if he was guilty of any wrongdoing.

Justice Deuel called up Mr. Krotel yesterday afternoon and offered any assistance that he or *Town Topics* could give. Mr. Krotel wanted to see Charles Stokes Wayne, who is editor of *Town Topics* and editor in chief for the Society Editors' Association. Justice Deuel said he would produce him.

The Society Editors' Association has a room with two desks, at 533 Fifth Avenue. Whoever had charge of the decorating of the room made up his mind to put as many pictures of District Attorney Jerome around the room as possible. There are many cartoons and pen and ink sketches.

M. E. Wooster, the manager of the Society Editors' Association, used to be connected with *Town Topics*. W. L. Daniels is the treasurer. He is also the secretary of the Society Editors' Association.

Mr. Wooster explained yesterday that it was by mere chance that Messrs. Daniels and Wayne were connected with *Town Topics* as the Society Editors' Association had nothing whatever to do with that publication. He said that he had been denied that he had made any threats to Mr. Post or had used the name of *Town Topics*. He said that he had known Able for about a year as a collector.

"He was one of our best men," said Mr. Wooster. "We received a number of letters from subscribers who said that they were pleased with the book, and had been agreeably pleased with Mr. Able. The first installment of 'America's Smart Set' was written by Mr. Howe (he is connected with *Town Topics*). If Able has actually been making threats that ends him with the association."

"I have been employed by *Town Topics*, but I severed my connection two years ago. I was one of the editors. They say a well known man (mentioning his name) put up \$1,500 for 'Fads and Fancies.' I had charge of that book. I know the man mentioned didn't put up \$1,500. The subscription lists were closed two years ago. That is a biographical work. No, it has not been published yet."

Mr. Wayne said yesterday that he had been employed by Wooster to edit the copy for "America's Smart Set." As to whether he would continue on the job, that depended on circumstances. Able, he said, had never been employed by *Town Topics* in any capacity.

Col. Mann is in Europe, but a statement which it is said Justice Deuel prepared, and was issued at the office of *Town Topics* in New York, that Mann had used *Town Topics* name, the statement said, it was without warrant, and *Town Topics* would assume the burden of prosecution of any impostor.

W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., issued a statement in which he said a Mr. Wooster had

asked him for a subscription for a book and he had paid \$500, but it was in a perfectly regular business way.

Before Able was arraigned in court yesterday morning he was taken to Police Headquarters and photographed. He comes from St. Louis and about a month ago he was married to an artist. Since then he has been living at Northport, L. I., and has bought a steam launch. It was said yesterday that he was going to send his wife, who is an English woman, to her home in England. Able says that if he doesn't want her to share any responsibility for his trouble.

DELASSEZ DOESN'T FEAR WAR. Says France Would Have England's Help in a Conflict With Germany.

Special Cable Dispatches to THE SUN. PARIS, July 12.—The *Gaulois* prints an interview with former Foreign Minister Delcassé in which M. Delcassé argues that France's best friend is Great Britain, not merely from a commercial point of view, which needs no argument, but also because, while it would be impossible for France to compete with Great Britain on the seas, with Great Britain's support it would be impossible for Germany to declare war against France. He did not think the threats of war which had been made since the outbreak of the Morocco incident were serious, in which case Germany and France would be impotent in a war in which England would assuredly assist France.

In such a war Germany's commercial ports and merchant marine would be annihilated. That was the meaning of the visit of the British squadron to Brest and the coming visit of a French squadron to Spithead.

The coalition of the French and British fleets, M. Delcassé is quoted as saying, will constitute a naval machine as France will be able to face. The war in the Far East has taught that the sea is nowadays the most important element to command.

M. Delcassé asserted that the Anglo-French entente was a step toward the relaxation of Anglo-Russian differences. He said he was not afraid of war. He had told the Cabinet, when announcing his resignation, that France was in a position to reply to Germany's attack, and he thought France ought to know how to use an Anglo-German conflict to her advantage. France's acceptance of the Morocco conference was a mistake, and a very great one.

Those who are best acquainted with M. Delcassé scout the idea that the *Gaulois* interview is authentic. They are convinced that if he were not absent from Paris it would immediately be repudiated, and declare that it will be soon. Such communicativeness is entirely foreign to his character. It is understood that the alleged interview was written by a prominent Nationalist Deputy. It admittedly contains much that M. Delcassé might have said if reticence were not one of his strongest characteristics.

BULLETS PUNCTURE AUTO TIRES. Rye Cops Ordered to Use That Plan to Halt Scoundrels.

RYE, N. Y., July 12.—Automobiles who speed through this town are warned to watch out, for the police have been instructed to puncture the tires with bullets if they can't catch the offending auto any other way. The police have been told, which the police have been trying to keep secret, a native has been walking around since Sunday with a bullet in his hip. The police have been having much trouble with racing automobiles, and it was decided to adopt strenuous measures to catch the drivers, all other methods having failed.

The first victim of the new order is Walter Mongon, the son of P. T. Mongon, who lives in Greenwich. Young Mongon has accepted many invitations to ride with auto racers and drivers. On Sunday evening an automobile from Edgewood Inn picked him up and started for Rye. A policeman ordered the auto to stop going through Rye, but the driver went right on. Then the cop drew his pistol and fired. That didn't stop the auto, nor was the pistol shot heeded. The cop continued firing, and when the cartridges in his pistol had been exhausted another cop took a hand.

The automobile wasn't hit, but Mongon was. Blood trickled down his leg and a Dr. Burke, who was in the automobile, found that the bullet had punctured the fleshy part of the hip.

His family, who have some influence, demand an investigation, but the police say they don't know anything about it and they can't find out anything.

J. J. VAN ALLEN'S LETTER. Asked That His Name Be Stricken From the Newport Voting List.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 12.—Following the report several days ago that James J. Van Allen intended to sell his Newport estate and take up his abode in England, comes a letter from the city hall which would substantiate this report. It is in the form of a letter to City Clerk Stevens from Mr. Van Allen in which he requests that his name be stricken from the voting list of Newport. The letter reads as follows:

"I hereby request that my name be stricken from the voting lists of Newport, as I shall no longer be a voter of Newport or a citizen of Rhode Island."

This letter was evidently written by Mr. Van Allen during his recent visit to Newport before his departure for England, but was not received by the City Clerk until last evening. Mr. Van Allen has been a voter of Rhode Island for twenty years and always made it a practice to come to Newport each election time to cast his vote. He has contributed most generously to the campaign funds of the Democratic party in Rhode Island and was very active in the Cleveland campaign, after which he declined the post of Minister to Italy.

WEAVER AND GORDON QUARREL. Mayor's Adviser Wanted to Have Ex-Boss Durham Arrested.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—Mayor Weaver and his confidential political adviser, ex-Judge Gordon, had a quarrel to-day over the action of District Attorney Bell in refusing to arrest upon his own initiative Ex-Boss Durham, Contractor Thomas McNichol and Plan Contractor McNichol.

Gordon wanted the Mayor to make some sensational move that would serve the purpose that would have been served should District Attorney Bell have done as Gordon wished him to. The Mayor flatly refused, and for an hour he and Gordon wrangled.

Elihu Root, in a long distance telephone conversation, is said to have told the Mayor that he had not enough evidence against the old gang leaders to cause their arrest. On top of this is a report from the experts, headed by William Barclay Parsons of New York, that the filter works are all right and that the specifications have been lived up to.

Dewey's Old Medical Post For Invalids Will Strengthen the Weak & Conquer the Sick.

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BEAUTY DOCTOR A PRISONER. SCARRED MY FACE, ONE WOMAN SAYS OF NELDEN.

Didn't Set My Ears Back and Left My Double Chin and Wrinkles On, Declares Another—He's the Man Who Started St. Gregory's Hospital Downtown.

Dr. Andrew L. Nelden, who has an office and an "institute" at 13 East Twenty-ninth street and who recently started St. Gregory's Hospital in Gold street to compete with the Hudson street hospital for accident cases near the Brooklyn Bridge, was arrested last night on a warrant charging him with obtaining money under false pretences. He was locked up at Police Headquarters. Not long ago he made a bid for fame by announcing that he had grafted an ear on a man and later that he grafted a finger on a woman.

Dr. Nelden was arrested on the complaint of Mrs. Josephine Ware of Denver, who charges that he contracted to smooth out wrinkles on her face and forehead, and after more than six weeks treatment left her face badly scarred. Three other out of town women have made complaints to the District Attorney's office that they were similarly treated. Three women and a man, all patients, were found at Dr. Nelden's house when he was arrested.

In her complaint Mrs. Ware says that she first heard of Dr. Nelden out in Denver from some of his literature describing the "Nelden Institute and Sanitarium for Plastic Facial Surgery." In the literature Dr. Nelden was pictured as "the man who makes faces." He advertised that he had a method for removing facial eruptions and scalp trouble.

Mrs. Ware came on here and saw Dr. Nelden at his house. She wanted some wrinkles removed from her forehead and face. He told her, she says, that it was possible to remove the wrinkles without pain and that many other women had been successfully treated. She would have to stay at his house during the treatment and pay \$200 down and \$250 weekly.

She says she stayed at the house for about a month, but didn't get enough out of it to warrant the money. She continued to visit Dr. Nelden for two weeks after that. Dr. Nelden, she declares, guaranteed to rid her of the wrinkles in two weeks, but at the end of six weeks she still had the wrinkles and in addition her face was badly scarred. She believes that Dr. Nelden used a carbolic solution.

Mrs. Ware went to Post Office Inspector Mayer about it. He told her that it was a case for the police and after she had seen acting Inspector O'Brien, Detective Sergeant McConville took her to the District Attorney's office. There she saw Assistant District Attorney Chadwick, to whom she made her complaint.

Mr. Chadwick decided to try to get other complainants, and inside of a few days he had three out of town women who were ready to assist in the prosecution of Nelden. One of the women is Mrs. R. W. Carter of Washington, who says that Dr. Nelden \$200 to remove a double chin, make some wrinkles disappear and "set her ears back"—they were too big. Mrs. Cash says she still has the double chin and wrinkles and her ears don't sit back.

Magistrate McAvoy issued a warrant for Dr. Nelden yesterday afternoon, and McConville went to his home and after making the arrest looked over the place for evidence. He found the four patients and some letters from other patients who had evidently been sent acting Inspector O'Brien.

Besides Mr. Schiff there were present at the meeting, among others, President Clowry, Russell Sage and James Hazen Hyde.

It is considered certain that the recommendation will be adopted by the directors at their next meeting. Its practical effect will be a discontinuance of all special racing service forwarded by operators at the tracks on special wires.

POSSE KILLS TWO MURDERERS. They Were Highway Robbers Who Had Slit a Doctor's.

WINFIELD, Kan., July 12.—Detective C. S. Calhoun was shot and killed by two robbers on the streets of Cedarville by a stickup, men who had been operating in this city. After the shooting the robbers fled south toward the Territory. A posse was quickly formed and took the trail of the bandits, citizens from Winfield joining the posse on a special train.

The robbers were overtaken and at Hewins, seven miles from the Oklahoma Territory line, a battle followed. Some fifty shots were exchanged, the posse using shotguns and revolvers, while the bandits used a brace of .44 caliber revolvers at their pursuers. When the smoke of battle had blown away one of the bandits, Ed Madigan of Ponca, Okla., was found to be dead, and the other, William Chadburne of Winfield, was mortally wounded. Of the posse but one man was wounded, J. H. Pope, a merchant, who was shot through the foot. A stray bullet fired by the bandits lodged in the leg of a woman named Malone.

Last Sunday night Madigan and Chadburne held up and robbed six traveling men at the Bretton Hotel, this city, and it was for this crime that Calhoun endeavored to arrest them.

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JESUP AIDS PEARY AGAIN. Gives Him \$25,000—Thomas H. Hubbard Adds \$10,000—To Sail Soon.

Commander Peary's Arctic ship the Roosevelt, well stocked with provisions for the expedition that is expected will start in a few days to find the north pole, was towed last night from the foot of West Houston street to her moorings up the North River. While in stream she will take aboard things necessary to complete her equipment.

Before leaving the dock Commander Peary said that through the generosity of Mr. Morris K. Jesup, George Crocker and Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, the expedition would be properly fitted out for its work.

"Mr. Jesup," Commander Peary said, "notified me this morning that he will add the sum of \$25,000 to the very generous amounts already contributed by him. Mr. Jesup feels that the generosity and public spirit of the community at large can be counted upon to furnish such additional supplies as may be needed over and above his last contribution. But he places me under a still deeper obligation by the further assurance which he gives me that, if the community does not respond to my appeal, he himself will see to it that I am provided with everything necessary to insure the comfort, safety and success of the expedition."

On top of Mr. Jesup's offer Commander Peary said that Gen. George Crocker, H. Hubbard, enclosing a check for \$10,000, with the remark: "Mr. Jesup is a brick. I need not say that you are." Gen. Hubbard also declared that he would join Mr. Jesup in the fund of \$25,000 that Mr. Jesup has promised to give to the men of the expedition if they succeed in finding the pole. Commander Peary said in regard to this offer that the money would be distributed among the men in proportion to their work and ability.

The explorer has persuaded one of the chief patrons of the expedition, George Crocker, to make public that he contributed \$50,000 to it last January.

W. U. TO CUT OFF RACE WIRES. Again, Provided There Are Any—Jacob H. Schiff Insists on It.

The executive committee of the Western Union Telegraph Company in the course of a short but animated meeting yesterday adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, This company under an order issued by its president on the 18th day of May, 1904, has directed the cessation of the collection of horse race reports and the dissemination of such reports;

Whereas, It is claimed that the distribution of horse race reports still continues, notwithstanding the action of this company first referred to; and

Whereas, It is recommended to the Board of Directors that the officers of the Western Union Telegraph Company be directed to cease the transmission of any messages containing horse race reports, except where such messages are delivered to a regular office of the company for transmission to and delivery through a regular office of the company, or for delivery in such other manner as the president of the company shall authorize by his signature;

Resolved, That the officers of the company be directed to take such action as may be necessary to enforce the above resolution, and to report to the Board of Directors the results of such action.

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NO TRACE OF OELRICH'S GEMS. Their Value About \$5,000, According to the Inventory.

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This afternoon the police gave out a list of the missing jewels and their values as follows: One turquoise ring, one turquoise gold chain, \$250; one small gold watch, with diamond crown on back, \$350; and one gold heart shaped locket, \$350; one gold watch, with diamond crown on back, \$250; one large stone, \$250; one turquoise gold bracelet, with small stones, valued at \$150; one pearl and gold chain bracelet, with clover-leaf of diamonds on chain, with diamond heart attached, \$100; one pin, \$100; one diamond bar pin, \$100; one pin with diamond letters F. M. in red enamel, with Austrian crown of diamonds on top; one gold snuff box, with six diamonds at side, with blue enamel on top, \$400; one gold face watch, with monogram B. M. O., \$75; two bracelets, with five gold beads and two diamonds on them; a pink and enamel heart, with one red enamel heart on bracelet, \$250; one diamond dagger, pearl on top, \$200; one large turquoise and diamond ring, \$300; one enamel pendant, with diamond on top, \$600; one rope of pearls, with big diamond clasp, \$1,000; one rosary of garnets, with gold cross; one diamond pin, crown shaped, \$300.

DEAD, THEIR LEFT EARS GONE. Three Strange Murders in the Big Horn Basin—Ranchmen Victims.

CODY, Wyo., July 12.—There are dread and apprehension among the cattle ranchers of the Big Horn Basin because of three murders which have been committed among their number within the past two weeks. In each case the assassins cut off the left ear of the victim.

The three murdered ranchers had received anonymous letters warning them to leave the country on pain of death. A number of the other ranchers of the basin have received similar letters and fear that they are also marked for assassination. They have banded themselves together for protection and have employed range riders to attempt to discover the murderers.

Robert McCoy, one of the most prominent ranchers in the Basin, was found yesterday, shot in the back, dead. His left ear was missing. Two weeks ago Bill McClintock was found murdered beside the road. His left ear had been cut off. A week ago Joe Handy, another cattleman, was missed from home. The next day he was found on the range dead, with a bullet through his head and his left ear cut off.

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WITTE MAY BE PEACE ENVOY. MURAVIEFF, FIRST NAMED BY RUSSIA, NOT TO ACT.

One Report Says President of the Council Will Take His Place—Another Mentions M. Pokotloff, Who Is at Peking—Witte a Strong Advocate of Peace.

Special Cable Dispatches to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, July 12.—It is reported that the Czar requested M. Witte, president of the Council of Ministers, to act as Peace Plenipotentiary in place of Count Muravieff, and that M. Witte consented after some hesitation and after considerable pressure had been brought to bear on him. M. Witte's advocacy of peace is well known, and his appointment causes much satisfaction among the peace party.

PARIS, July 12.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Echo de Paris* says that Count Muravieff, who has been nominated as one of Russia's plenipotentiaries, will not go to the United States, the assigned reason for the change of plan being his state of health. It is reported that M. Pokotloff, director of the Russo-China Bank and Russian Minister to China, will take his place. The correspondent adds that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff has been opposing Muravieff's appointment for some time and that Muravieff is out of favor with the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 12.—A rumor reached here this afternoon that Count Muravieff, one of the Russian peace plenipotentiaries named by the Czar, has declined to serve and that M. Pokotloff, a Russo-Chinese bank director is to serve in his place. Up to a late hour to-night the President had received no official notification of the substitution. Baron Rosen, the other envoy, is due here to-morrow at noon.

JAPAN IGNORES CHINA. Her Note on the Peace Conference Will Have No Effect on Plans.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. PEKING, July 12.—Japan, replying to China's note refusing to recognize arrangements that may be made at the coming peace conference, unless China shall be consulted as to them, courteously but firmly intimates that China's note will not affect Japan's plan of action. Russia has not replied yet to a similar note sent her by China.

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DYNAMITE FOR THE CZAR. Found Under Castle He Was Expected to Visit—Mutiny of Troops.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCHES TO THE SUN. VIENNA, July 12.—A mailed report has been received here from St. Petersburg stating that 100 kilograms of dynamite were found in the cellar beneath the imperial apartments in the castle of the late Grand Duke Sergius, at Ilmskoye, near Moscow, where the Czar was expected to take up his residence. Many arrests have been made. The Czar's visit has been abandoned.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 12.—It is reported that the soldiers garrisoning the fortress at Ust-Dvinsk have mutinied. The circumstances are unknown, but it is alleged that they seized one fort, which they still hold.

MOSCOW, July 12.—The assassin of Count Schuchaloff, Prefect of Police, is still unidentified. It is officially stated that he avowed himself a member of the revolutionary executive committee.

KILLED ELEVEN ON A SHIP. Negro's Crime to Get \$1,400—Girl Escaped by Swimming Ashore.

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 12.—Capt. Holm of the Norwegian steamer *Bratten*, which has arrived here from Honduras, reports that a negro named McGill murdered eleven persons on board the small trading schooner *Olympia*, bound from Chilla for Truxillo via Ruatan, to buy cattle. The slayer's incentive was his discovery that the captain had \$1,400 concealed in his cabin.

The negro attacked the passengers and part of the crew while they slept, killing them with a gun and a club. Those of the crew who were on watch he shot down when they went to the assistance of the first victims.

A young woman passenger leaped overboard and escaped by swimming to shore. The negro struck her on the head with an oar as she struck the rail to jump.

McGill spared one member of the crew long enough to force him to scuttle the ship, shooting him when the task was done. Then the murderer went ashore in a dory. The young woman who escaped reported the crime to the authorities and McGill was captured at El Provenir, Honduras. On her testimony he will probably be hanged or shot.

THEL BARRYMORE TO WED. Actress's Betrothal to Capt. Graham Announced in London.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, July 12.—The betrothal is announced Miss Ethel Barrymore, the well known American actress, and Capt. Harry Graham, second son of Sir Henry Graham.

80 CENT GAS PROPOSITION. Gov. Higgins Will Not Say Whether He Will Submit It to the Extra Session.

ALBANY, July 12.—The Governor talked with Assemblymen Agnew to-day regarding the gas question. The Congressman asked the Governor what he thought about re-submitting the eighty cent proposition for New York city to the Legislature. The Governor said he would like to be assured that it was up before he was ready to support it now. He did not give any assurances, however, that he would submit the eighty cent proposition again, even if he knew that it would receive the required number of votes to pass it.

VICE SQUAD IN UNIFORM. Mr. McAtee Thinks They Will Soon Banish Women From the Streets.

POLICE COMMISSIONER McADOO announced yesterday that he had in mind an entirely new scheme by which he hoped at least to minimize the nuisance of women loitering on the street. In a day or two he will put the majority of the members of the vice squad in uniform and see to it that they have posts at a few blocks long.

"I consider that the best police work, in such matters, is not necessarily indicated by the number of arrests," said Mr. McAdoo yesterday. "It is to be expected that the street women will not speak to men in uniform, but a few blocks long."

Mr. McAdoo wouldn't tell the streets where the new scheme would be used.

BARON ROSEN TO OYSTER