

HERR CONRIED SEES BINGHAM

COMMISSIONER MAY SHUT UP SUNDAY THEATRES.

Is Studying Subject and Hasn't Made Up His Mind Now "Plating Favorites," Anyway Has Had Complaints From the Sabbath Observance Society.

Commissioner Bingham had a chat about Sunday performances with Herr Conried at 300 Muberry street yesterday.

"What did you talk about?" the Herr Direktor was asked on leaving.

"Oh, just a few things about how I run the opera house," he replied.

"Is the Commissioner going to stop Sunday night performances?"

"Why, I think not," said Herr Conried, smiling.

The Commissioner was asked: "Did you send for Mr. Conried?"

"I did," he replied.

"Whom else have you summoned besides Mr. Hammerstein and Herr Conried?"

"Charles Burnham."

"What did you want to see them about, Commissioner?"

"Well, replied the Commissioner, lighting his little cigar pipe. I have been talking with theatrical men lately about Sunday performances and as I understand that Conried, Hammerstein and Burnham represented a whole lot, I sent for them."

"Has any one been complaining about Sunday shows?"

"Why, yes," admitted the Commissioner after some hesitation. "I have received many complaints, particularly from the Sabbath Observance Society."

"Have they furnished you with any legal evidence?"

"Nothing to say."

"Are you going to close all the theatres giving performances next Sunday?"

"I don't know yet whether I will or not," replied the Commissioner thoughtfully.

"I am studying the matter very seriously. As soon as I have made up my mind about it I will let you know just what I am going to do. There's one thing, though, that you don't want to forget. I'm not going to play favorites. As soon as I've found out who is breaking the law I'm going to get after him."

"Have you sent for Tim Sullivan?"

"No, I haven't."

"Don't you know that he is interested in the Liberty Theatre, which gives Sunday night concerts?"

"I did know it, yes," the General replied, "but I am not playing favorites with any one. It is true, I am sorry that certain theatres have in the past been ordered to close, while others of a like nature are not interfered with. Give me time and I'll stop that. I'm going to treat everybody the same."

"Have you observed," the Commissioner continued, "that many men go to the Magistrate's office to get warrants, and don't always get them? They go to Sunday night concerts and then apply to the Magistrate next day for warrants, but are refused."

"Do your officers need warrants to make arrests in such cases?"

"I suppose so," he replied. "I don't know just what the law is in regard to that. I don't know if I will do anything yet, mind you, about closing those places. It's all being worked out to a definite conclusion."

"Did you get your ideas from District Attorney Jerome on this matter?"

"I decline to talk about that."

"Will you come to some definite conclusion before Sunday?"

"Very probably, but I don't know which of the theatres will be closed this way or not."

Charles Burnham, president of the Theatre Managers' Association, was a visitor to the Commissioner, but Gen. Bingham had nothing to add concerning the situation, nor had Mr. Burnham.

"Did your repeated reference to the word 'favorites' have to do with some complaint made by Charles Burnham?"

Attorney Jerome? the Commissioner was asked.

"Nothing to say at all about that phase of the matter."

Charles Burnham said last night that if the issue were forced Mr. Conried would probably be selected to defend a test case.

Mr. Conried is a member of the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, and if Commissioner Bingham persists in his attitude he will go to court on Monday. The case will be carried to the highest courts as rapidly as possible.

POLICE CHAPLAINS NAMED.

Father Chidwick and Rev. J. A. Wade the first to hold the office.

The Police Department is to have chaplains. Commissioner Bingham gave out the following statement yesterday:

The Rev. John A. Wade and the Rev. John B. Chidwick have been appointed chaplains to the Police Department. They were sworn in by Mayor McClellan today. They have the assistance of a staff of inspectors.

Rev. Mr. Wade is a member of the New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society, and is at present Episcopal chaplain of the Tombs. Rev. Mr. Wade graduated from Yale University in 1879, and served in the Metropolitan Police School in 1903 with the degree of M. A. He lives at 33 Bleeker street.

Father Chidwick is the pastor of St. Ambrose's Church, Fifty-fourth street near Tenth avenue. He was born in New York city in 1863, educated in the public schools and graduated from St. Gabriel's School and Manhattan College. He was ordained in St. Joseph's Seminary in Troy, N. Y. He served as curate at St. Stephen's Church in East Twenty-eighth street for a time, and then was commissioned a chaplain in the United States Navy. He served on the Maine until she was destroyed. During the Spanish-American War he was chaplain on the Cincinnati. Later he served on the New York. He was for eight years in the navy, and resigned in 1903 and was appointed pastor of St. Ambrose's Church. He resides at 223 West Fifty-fourth street.

This is the first time in the history of the department that there has been a police chaplain. At 5 o'clock the Commissioner sent for the reporters and gave them General Order 20, relating to the duties of the chaplains. It reads:

Rev. John P. Chidwick and Rev. John A. Wade are hereby appointed chaplains, without pay, in the Police Department, City of New York. They will be regularly sworn in, and will have the assistance of a staff of inspectors of police. Their duties will be such as are assigned them by the Police Commissioner from time to time, and they will report directly to the Police Commissioner. They will make reports from time to time as required by the Police Commissioner.

They are authorized to visit and converse with any member of the force. They are expected to visit the sick, the injured and the dying. They are authorized to visit all precincts and station houses.

While not competent to issue orders of any kind to the members of the force, they are to be treated as such by all their questions to be answered, and any suggestions they may see fit to make to be received with respect and acted on so far as possible.

They will on all occasions be treated with the courtesy and respect due, not only to their profession, but to their assimilated rank as inspectors of the force.

Chicago Council Passes 85 Cent Gas Bill.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—By 58 to 9 the City Council this afternoon passed the 85 cent gas ordinance.

Unless the measure is vetoed by the Mayor will go into effect immediately, being retroactive and affecting all gas bills from February 1.

The friends of Mayor Danne attempted to get through many amendments reflecting the Mayor's views, but council refused to accept any of them.

BALL PLAYERS ARRESTED

Centre Fielder Mike Donlin Charged With Punching Conductor.

ALBANY, Feb. 8.—Mike Donlin, the centre fielder of the New York National League baseball team, occupied a cell in the second precinct station house in this city to-night for four hours. He is now out on bail for appearance in police court to-morrow morning, to answer a charge of assault in the second degree.

An indoor baseball team composed mainly of Giants was to play in Troy to-morrow night. To-night a banquet was to be given to them in that city. Members of the team, including Billy Gilbert and George Witte, the pitcher, left New York city this afternoon on the train due in this city at 5:10 o'clock.

Among the players were Walter Bennett and Mike McGrath, two semi-professional players, who were to fill in for the team.

After the train left Poughkeepsie the ball players became very boisterous and took possession of the train. The conductor tried to preserve order, but was helpless.

Balls, paper wads and other missiles were thrown about the car. The conductor says that when he tried to make them desist Donlin hit him in the face. A telegram was sent to Albany, notifying the police of the trouble on the train, and when it reached Albany Chief Humphreys of the New York Central police arrested Donlin, Bennett and McGrath, the two latter on the charge of intoxication. They were taken to the second precinct station house and locked up.

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TAMMANY CHAIRMAN

Likely to Be Chosen Today—James J. Martin Most Talked Of.

The Tammany Hall executive committee will meet this afternoon at the Fourteenth street headquarters. A chairman of the committee may be elected at the meeting, but this, Charles F. Murphy said yesterday, will be a matter which will be left entirely to the determination of the committee. When the committee met on December 28 to reorganize for this year no one was elected to succeed Daniel F. McMahon, who, when he resigned, the executive committee of the Seventeenth district, also lost his place on the executive committee.

The man who was talked of yesterday as the most probable selection for chairman was James J. Martin, leader of the Twenty-seventh district. Mr. Murphy has not suggested, nor will he suggest, a chairman.

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YOU CAN'T GAG BAKER, NO SIR

HE CHUCKS HIS JOB AND WON'T WORK IF HE CAN'T TALK.

Free Speech by the Secretary of the Dock Department About the President of Brooklyn is Another Man Gets \$4,000 Job

Robert Baker, the former anti-pass Congressman, who applied for and got a \$4,000 job as secretary of the Dock Department, threw up the job yesterday, counting it naught to the priceless privilege of free speech. That which the fathers fought for he quit work for. He said as much in a letter to the tyrant Benseel, who pursues the business of tyranny in the name of Dock Commissioner and sought to take a tongue that knows no trammels.

Mr. Baker took it very seriously—more seriously than other people seemed to. As long as any one would listen he poured forth invectives against the attempted abrogation in the Department of Docks of the fundamental rights of American citizenship. He made it plain that he is in no way in resolution as Ned Harrigan's buck billy head.

While head was full of sears from stopping railroad cars.

The outrage against which Mr. Baker rebelled was the exercise of a little frank and open speech on the part of Mr. Benseel himself. Mr. Baker conceived it to be his mission to present his interest in the colored of Brooklyn and to refer to him as a traitor to the municipal ownership cause.

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COL. MANN UP FOR DEBT.

Count Ward Wants a Chance to Vindicate His Reputation.

Justice Seabury of the City Court will hear Col. Mann before him to-day in summary proceedings under a judgment rendered on January 29, 1887.

The suit was brought by George J. Cox, assignee of Joseph and Simon Franko, jewellers, who got the original judgment against Col. Mann in 1887 for \$1,288 and costs. Col. Mann, it is alleged, went to the Frankos and bought some jewelry, giving them a check for \$1,288 and costs. Mr. Cox, the assignee, had the judgment renewed on December 21, 1905. Col. Mann has testified recently that the seal of their company, which looks something like a pawnbroker's emblem.

The formal ratification and exchange of copies on Wednesday will be made in the presence of the Chinese Consul and Dr. Tong, the "Emperor's representative." Each side will then deliver a bond for \$1,000 as a guarantee that its respective adherents will observe the treaty and live in peace and fellowship.

As soon as the On Leong Tong had signed, yesterday, the Hip Singes issued invitations to the banquet, which is to be a great event. It will be held at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in a hall street restaurant. As evidence that the dove of peace has descended upon the community, the Hip Singes have invited Tom Lee, the head On Leong tong, and their most hated enemy, to the banquet. Judge Foster was asked to be the guest of honor, but found that he had a prior engagement.

A Chinatown is expected to celebrate the conclusion of hostilities, according to the peace-makers.

WOMEN PROTEST AT NOISES

And Then Discuss the Immigration Problem, For and Against.

The Women's West End Republican Club held its annual meeting at the Hotel Astor yesterday afternoon to discuss the noisy and contentious question of immigration.

A portion of the time in protesting against the noises in New York. As wives, mothers, daughters and sisters they object to hucksters crying out their wares, to the singing song scoundrels grander and to the "old cod" man.

The club was divided on the immigration question. Mrs. Clarence Burrs said Jacob Riis and Carnegie were immigrants and that the country needed more of them, while Mrs. Robinson, who is called the "great objector," said there were too many criminals coming in and that the United States ought to put a tax on all immigrants, a sort of an "incoming tax."

Mrs. Helena Sugar Tonges, president of the club, favored immigration. "Ladies," said she in impassioned tones, "we could not get along without our immigrants. What would I have done without my little newsboy. He