

MR. THIMME AND HIS PLAINT

A SCHOOL MAY BE BOYCOTTING HIS SHOP, HE SAYS.

Very formal complaint it is, sent to the Superintendent of Schools...

What's the matter, Mr. Timme? inquired a customer whose literary tastes were a trifle morbid...

"I am the victim of a boycott," said Mr. Timme. "But we will see. We will see. I have written to the Superintendent of Schools about that woman. He will fix her. If he doesn't I have friends, powerful friends, who will come to the front for Edward Timme. Everybody knows that I am allied with the profession of journalism. No teacher can spout his business without Edward Timme seeing that justice is done."

"Look at my tops. This is the top season and yet I have as many of them to-day as I had two weeks ago. Other stores around here are selling tops like hot cakes. Business in candies has fallen off. Where seven little girls go to Menken's place around the corner to buy chewing gum, there isn't one comes to Edward Timme's. Why? That school principal, Clara C. Calkins, has boycotted my store. She has told her children that they must not buy anything of me. But just wait. I have written to Supt. Maxwell. I have preferred charges."

Mr. Timme was in a state of great mental anguish when a reporter called to inquire into the facts of the so-called boycott. He expressed the opinion that a conspiracy must exist to put him, Edward Timme, out of business. It might be said here that Mr. Timme's name has been in the public prints ever since. He is a great little organizer of civic associations. Every once in a while the idea seizes him that he must organize something, and the act trends on the heels of the idea. Nothing simpler. The trouble has been that as soon as Mr. Timme turns his talents to some new variety of organization the one he has just designed disintegrates.

To mention only a few, Mr. Timme has been prominently connected with the National Anti-Adulteration League, the Pragmatic League for Shorter Hours, the New York Pharmaceutical Clerks' Association, a longshoreman's union, the International Association of Machinists and quite a few important conferences, including one intended to persuade the city government to take over the East River ferries for the general good of the greatest number. But of late Mr. Timme has dealt—or has attempted to deal (since he asserts that Miss Calkins has tried to put a crimp in his commercial activities)—in sweet stuffs, tobaccos, writing paper and copies of "Inside Facts About the Beef Trust."

Mr. Timme explained: His attention was drawn to conditions in School 6 several weeks ago when several little boys who were buying candy in his store complained that some teacher had squeezed their chins, others that their feet had been squeezed by some teacher and one party went so far as to say that teacher had pushed him. Mr. Timme became indignant. It was a disgrace to civilization, he declared, that little boys' chins should be squeezed and their feet pushed on and little boys pushed by their teachers. He would raise a hornet's nest around Public School 6 and then Miss Clara Calkins would see! He had influence with the German press of this town and he would use it.

Mr. Timme paused here to refer to conduct on the part of Miss Calkins which he, Timme, considered small and selfish and an indication of ill-will on the part of Miss Calkins in the business prosperity of Mr. Timme. He asked and obtained from her one day the names and addresses of all the teachers and employees of Public School 6, beginning with the principal, Miss Calkins herself and on down through the list to the name of Patrick Freeman, janitor. Mr. Timme thought it would be a grand idea to print an advertising blotter, with the names and addresses of the teachers on one side of the blotter, Edward Timme's address on the other side, the ad ending with a gracious word from Mrs. Timme. When the blotters appeared and were taken to the school by Mr. Timme's young customers, Miss Calkins was angry and so were all the other teachers. They objected strongly to having their names displayed in such a way for such a purpose. Mr. Timme withdrew the blotters and substituted another kind of ink absorbers, which bore only a picture of the school-house. Calling upon Miss Calkins one day to ascertain her sentiments on the ad, she said that she was not in the least bit bothered by it, with a cold stare and an inquiry directed, as he remembers, to the janitor, who happened to be present—"Who is this man, please?"

Naturally, from Mr. Timme's point of view, Mr. Timme must have satisfaction. When he heard the children tell of squeezings and pinchings and pushings he saw a light and sat him down and penned a set of complaints—very formal complaints—to William H. Maxwell, superintendent of schools. Mr. Timme's views on Miss Calkins and other things were expressed as follows: "I wish to make a most emphatic complaint against the recent actions of Miss Clara C. Calkins, the principal of Public School No. 6, at Little and Smith streets, Brooklyn. Complaint No. 1 is based on the fact that she permits to appear in her charge to inflict corporal punishment upon boys in her school after the warning I gave her. Complaint No. 2 is based upon the fact that she in conjunction with other teachers has started a systematic boycott of my store, which has resulted in the loss of business to the amount of \$100,000.00. I wish to emphasize the necessity of speedy action before this conspiracy should ruin my business and compel me to take legal steps in mandamus the public officials responsible for the same as well as starting a suit for damages, which steps I do not wish to resort to unless actually compelled by force of circumstances. Kindly let me know immediately what you intend to do in the premises. Mr. Timme was certainly in a marvellous frame of mind yesterday afternoon, as he glared at that window full of unpurchased tops, which he had been waiting for for some time. He had heard that Maxwell yet—and if he doesn't in a day or two Maxwell yet—and Miss Calkins was quite calm when seen

SHIPS PREPARE FOR PARADE

FLEET WILL SHOW CALIFORNIANS ITS SMARTEST FORM.

Fresh Paint and Infantry Drills the Order of the Day at Magdalena Bay—The Relief Arrives—All Heavily With Evens—Boat Races and Seme Fishing.

MAGDALENA BAY, March 31, via San Diego, Cal., April 3.—The real work of the battle fleet in this bay, target practice, has been practically completed. To-morrow morning the Kansas and Vermont, whose shooting has been delayed because of the need of preliminary practice, the ships never having fired their guns until they came here, will finish their shooting. Torpedo work and mine laying are all over and there remains nothing to do but coal again, paint ship and wait until various California reception committees finish up the work and the signal to start for California is hoisted.

All the ships will look their smartest. The crews will try to match them. Already infantry drills for parades on shore are going on, and although bluejackets do not take kindly by nature to playing soldiers, they will do their best and make a fine showing for the holiday. California may be sure both rats and ships will be as smart looking as painstaking officers can make them. To use a land analogy, ships and men will put their best foot forward.

The departure of Rear Admiral Evans from the Connecticut was regretted by all. If he returns to the flagship at Santa Cruz he will get a joyous welcome. The simple truth is that this fleet has a regard for its commander-in-chief that amounts almost to personal affection on the part of every man on the ships. The sailing of the Connecticut was marked not only by a feeling of sadness but by forbodings. If the Admiral does come back the entire fleet will throw up its collective hats. The Connecticut left at daylight. The two-starred Admiral's blue flag was run up on the Minnesota, and at 8 A. M. those of the ships which had not saluted Admiral Thomas's flag within a year boomed out thirteen guns to him. Admiral Thomas does not, however, become commander in chief during Admiral Evans's absence. He is simply the senior officer in command. He has taken charge of routine matters.

Admiral Thomas will continue the policy which he has pursued so far of carrying out Evans's wishes to the letter. He will take personal lead in social matters pertaining to receptions on shore, as he has done all along since Admiral Evans became ill. No man has regretted more keenly Admiral Evans's illness than he.

The much talked of hospital ship Relief, under command of Dr. Stokes, arrived here late last Friday night. She came into the harbor in the dark. Her officers said nothing about the performance, but it was evident that they were not averse to showing that a ship with physicians in command could do stunts in the navigating line.

Dr. Stokes asked his sailing master whether he thought he could run into the unlighted bay in the night. The skipper said that he could, and Stokes told him to go ahead. The next day the transfer of sick men from the various battleships began, and that day three surgical operations were performed. Many of the cases sent to the Relief are not serious, but it was thought that so long as there was a floating hospital at hand it would be well to empty the sick bays of the ships.

Most of the cases could be taken care of with comfort on the battleships, but there were several of tuberculosis and two or three of insanity which could be handled better on the Relief than on the other ships. These cases would have all been sent ashore anyway as soon as California was reached. The arrival of the Relief gave an immediate opportunity for the transfer and the fighting ships were freed from the responsibility of caring for such cases.

The energies of the fleet until April 11 will be occupied in painting up and in the transfer of stores. For diversion there will be a minstrel show to-morrow night on the Minnesota and boat races on April 10, the last day of the fleet's stay here.

The chief races will be for the Battleship Cup, presented to the United States Navy by Prince Henry and now held by the Louisiana, and for the Belmont cup for men on first enlistment. There will be seven rowing races and five sailing ones. The men are enjoying the fishing here. Large catches with the line are made every day by the officers. Large hauls have also been made by the crews with seines. Now that target practice is over it is probable that seine hauling will occupy the attention of the crews of all ships nearly every day. The catch is highly appreciated as a variation in sea diet.

EVANS SUFFERED TERRIBLY. F. J. Symms of San Francisco Fleet Committee Tells of His Illness—Better News. SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—Frank J. Symms, official representative of the fleet committee, returned from Magdalena Bay this morning, having accompanied Rear Admiral Evans as far as Pasa Robles.

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SIXTH AVENUE AND NINETEENTH STREET

GOV. HUGHES HAS JACKSON CASE.

Grand Jury Presentation Reaches the Executive and the Legislative Officers. ALBANY, April 3.—Accompanied by a letter from the Clerk of the General Sessions Court in New York city, the presentation of the Grand Jury of New York city regarding the connection of Attorney-General Jackson with the Hamilton Bank matter came to Gov. Hughes this morning, as well as to the officers of the two houses of the Legislature. The Governor also received from the clerk of the court a transcript of the minutes of the testimony taken before the Grand Jury on the matter. Gov. Hughes refused to permit the minutes of the Grand Jury to be made public at this time.

Speaker Wadsworth of the Assembly and Senator John Raines, president pro tem of the Senate, also refused to permit the publication of the minutes containing the charges before they are formally laid before the trial of the accused officer, or the Wadsworth and Senator Raines, the Republican Senate leader, meanwhile will confer with Gov. Hughes regarding the course to be pursued.

There are two courses of procedure open to the Legislature and the Governor in the consideration of the charges involved in the presentation. Either the Assembly may formulate impeachment proceedings against the Attorney-General based on the testimony forwarded by the Grand Jury, in which event the members of the Senate and the Judges of the Court of Appeals would be compelled to sit in judgment at the trial of the accused officer, or the Governor may present the charges to the Senate.

Either course presupposes that the charges against the Attorney-General are sufficient in themselves to warrant a trial of the case. It is possible, of course, that it may be decided that the charges are not of sufficient weight to make a trial desirable.

Gov. Hughes refused to discuss the details of the case with Senator Raines and Speaker Wadsworth regarding the procedure to be followed with reference to the presentation.

INSURANCE COMPANIES MUST SUBMIT QUARTERLY STATEMENTS OF CONDITION.

ALBANY, April 3.—Supt. Kelsey of the State Insurance Department has sent circular letters to the officials of all insurance companies operating in this State, except the assessment associations and fraternal orders, notifying them that hereafter, beginning with the quarter ended March 31 last, the department would expect the companies to submit on blanks prepared for the purpose quarterly statements of their condition. The first of these reports is to be returned to the department by April 20.

JERSEY POST OFFICE ROBBED.

THIEVES AT SOUTH RIVER GET STAMPS, MONEY AND THE POSTMASTER'S WATCH AND CHAIN. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., April 3.—The post office at South River, near here, was entered last night by thieves, who cut out the combination of the safe and got away with \$50 in stamps and money and Postmaster Samuel Gordon's gold watch and chain.

The office is in the same building with William Morgan's undertaking shop. The thieves got into the undertaker's place and cut through a glass partition to the post office. There was a night office, and the safe was behind the row of lock boxes and hidden from view from the street.

The thieves took every stamp in the place and the office had to turn customers away to-day.

AMHERST MEN SURPRISED.

THE HAMILTON ANNUAL DROP IN ON THEM AT THEIR DINNER IN BROOKLYN. The Amherst College Alumni Association of Brooklyn held its annual dinner at the University Club of Brooklyn last night. There were about fifty members present. The Rev. Nehemiah Boynton, president of the association, was toastmaster, and speeches were made by W. A. Lawrence, of the class of '61, the oldest alumnus, and Senator Fuller of Brooklyn.

While the Amherst men were at dinner they were surprised by the arrival of the Hamilton College men, who had been having a breakfast dinner in the same club. The cheering and felicitations that followed were very flattering.

FRANZ JOSEF HUNGARY'S PROMINENT APERIENT WATER.

\$500,000 CAMPAIGN GIFT.

Grand Jury to Make a Presentation in Regard to Metropolitan. An explanation of the purchase of the franchise of the so-called paper railroad, the Cortlandt and Wall Street Ferries Company, by the Metropolitan Securities Company will be embodied in the presentment which is to be made by the special county Grand Jury.

According to the testimony before the Grand Jury, one of the witnesses being Thomas F. Ryan, the sum of \$500,000 was put up by the company in 1900, the second McKinley campaign, as a political contribution. The money was advanced by five directors of the company—William C. Whitney, Thomas F. Ryan, P. A. B. Widener, Thomas Dolan and William L. Elkins. Each made out a check for \$100,000, payable to George A. Huhn & Sons, brokers, of Philadelphia. The makers of the checks were to get 5 per cent on their money and Huhn & Sons were to handle the campaign end of the transaction.

In substance the Grand Jury testimony is that in the matter of the campaign contribution the details were left to Mr. Whitney. No one knew, except Mr. Whitney, where the money was going and no one asked him. The four men with him in the transaction put up the money at his request. Two years later, at the time of the purchase of the Wall and Cortlandt Street Ferries franchise from Anthony N. Brady, they were paid \$111,000, which included interest on the original \$100,000 payment.

At the time of the political contribution Huhn & Sons were agents for the Metropolitan, which was seeking to get a satisfactory storage battery. The witnesses before the Grand Jury are said to have testified that all the details of the transaction were left to Mr. Whitney and no one asked an explanation from him.

TO TRY FIRST CASE.

Justice Lambert Appointed to Hear the Mayor's Suit. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court named Justice John S. Lambert yesterday to try the suit brought by Attorney-General Jackson to oust George B. McClellan from the Mayor's chair. The trial will open on April 13 and a panel of special jurors has been summoned for that date. The trial will be held in Part XVIII, Trial Term, in what is known as the Appellate Term room.

The trial may last many weeks, as under a recent decision of the Court of Appeals Attorney-General Jackson can insist on the opening and inspection of any or all of the ballot boxes. There are nearly 2,000 of these boxes, and as the suit must be tried before a jury, so that only one ballot may be considered at a time, the process of investigating the ballots will be long and tedious.

The selection of a jury to try the suit from the special panel now under summons will occupy several days.

JOBS FOR 1,000 MORE WORKERS.

PITTSBURGH, April 3.—Notices were posted at the Homestead mills this morning asking 1,000 more of the idle men to report for work on Monday. By next week forty furnaces will be in operation.

"Time" taken in eating proper food, slowly, is "money" in the end.

The money-making food is Grape-Nuts

"There's a Reason" Read "The Food to Wellville," in 10 pgs.