

SPINGARN MAKES HOT ANSWER

SHARP ATTACK ON PRESIDENT BUTLER OF COLUMBIA.

The Deposed Professor Says It's Idle to Say That His Attitude Toward Prof. Peck Had Nothing to Do With His Dismissal—Defends His Scholarship.

Prof. Joel E. Spingarn, late head of the equally late department of comparative literature in Columbia University, gave out a statement yesterday afternoon in reply to an editorial article appearing in the *Alumni News* of Saturday.

Here is Prof. Spingarn's statement: My attention has just been called to an article in the *Columbia Alumni News* which purports to give the reasons for my being relieved from academic duty. The statements in this article are so glaringly false that they could not be printed without being corrected by personal appeal. When this controversy first aroused public attention a few weeks ago a professor of the Leland Stanford University warned me, from the experience of his own university, that the authorities of Columbia would attempt to evade the real issue by "obscurer personalities."

"The 'obscurer personalities' have now come. The suggestion that I had not properly performed my duties at Columbia is raised in this article for the first time. So far from being the truth I have received a number of letters from President Butler himself highly praising me and my work. In one of them he says: 'I spent last evening going through your work with great satisfaction and delight. It is a matter of no small importance to Columbia and to American scholarship to have so great a piece of work as this go out from the Oxford University Press by one of our own faculty.'"

"My own students have never suspected that I have neglected them and their work. My whole class called on me in a body recently and requested me to continue the course outside of the university for the remainder of the year. They presented to me a beautiful testimonial addressed on parchment in which they acknowledge their 'gratitude to the teacher and their respect and esteem for the man.' I have also received from innumerable students past and present letters of letters of gratitude and respect and disapproval of the action of the Columbia authorities. Certainly my colleagues could not have suspected me of failing to do my duty properly when I was asked to be chairman of the division of modern languages and literature for the present college year. Certainly the trustees could not have held such an opinion when barely two years ago they promoted me to a full professorship after ten years of arduous service. I shall say nothing of scholarly work except that the great English universities of Oxford and Cambridge have both invited me to do such work for them."

"In fact I never read a single line of any kind of the *Alumni News* until I was called to my academic work from a single member of the university until I introduced the Peck resolution on December 3. The article in the *Alumni News* says that this resolution was written after ten years of arduous service. As a matter of fact the matter came up repeatedly in my correspondence with President Butler and in one of his letters he makes the following admission: 'I told you you could get into it if you would only read the Peck resolution. Prof. Russell the letter regarding the Peck resolution of which you read me a draft.' The tone of the correspondence between President Butler and myself is indicated in the following message which had come to his notice. I recognize that it was simply one of a number of independent utterances which I had made and which had come to the president's notice, and it was not the only independent utterance which ultimately caused my separation from the university."

"The article in question also deliberately misrepresents the nature of the letter dated November 18 and November 26. This was only a letter to the president, and the English department, the question whether after eleven years of service in my own department I should recognize the authority of the English department in regard to my comparative literature. The president on November 21 wrote me: 'I very much hope that you may be able to give me a written statement of your position that may open the way to the establishment of complete and hearty cooperation between you and your colleagues.'"

"This complete cooperation was effected on January 9, and so far as I was concerned no further issues were involved between me and the department in English. Three days earlier, on January 6, the English department deliberately warned me that if I would not drop the Peck matter I would set into trouble and ten days later I received my first notice of the prospective discontinuance of my professorship at the end of the year, and this is the fact. My last interview with the president took place on January 26, and on that date he assured me that he would urge the continuance of my professorship. The same afternoon he informed several members of the faculty that the English department was to be discontinued. I have not seen the president or any member of the English department since that date. I have only written two letters to the president, one in which I expressed my moderation, though with many independent ideas in answer to his own insulting notes. These two letters, for what reason I cannot say, resulted in my being relieved from my academic duties in the middle of the college year. The noblest ends of academic life will never be served so long as this spokesman of materialism remains in power."

WANTS TO MARRY IN CHURCH.

Florence Sheedy Seeks Dispensation for Herself and I. Townsend Burden.

DENVER, April 9.—With the millions of Dennis Sheedy to draw upon if needed Florence Sheedy, fiancée of I. Townsend Burden of New York, has gone east to ask the highest American Catholic authorities for a church wedding. Mr. Burden being a Protestant the Church prohibits any marrying in a church; but Florence Sheedy believes she can overcome the scruples of the Church and with her mother has gone east to try.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

The greatest amateur of hand always open dog market in New York, or perhaps in the United States, is in the middle of New street, behind the back door of the Stock Exchange. There one may pick up almost any sort of dog any day, rain or shine, from 10 in the morning until half after 10 in the afternoon, and at a reasonable price, too. Just now the dog market is dull in sympathy with the stock market, so they say. The stock market makes the dog market, for brokers buy more and better dogs than does any other class of men. The old fellows who come to New street day after day with dogs on leash, dogs loose, dogs in arms and puppies in baskets can tell you the exact state of the stock market by the way dogs are selling. Brokers who have just made fortunes go into New street and buy dogs, good dogs, and pay well for them without bargaining. So say the dog traders. Now some of them have moved to Broad street, where they sell dogs to curb brokers, who they say is so bad in the dog line that they don't carry any more. They are going to open up shop on Broadway itself, where even the general public can buy dogs.

If the pure food commissioners ever get after the Salvation Army's commissary department they will no doubt make an interesting raid.

"The stuff they would confiscate is not the output of our kitchens," said an army collector. "It is donated by people who have made a mess of what they tried to cook. This morning a woman telephoned that a ten pound fruit cake and a jar of jelly had not turned out satisfactorily and I could have had the stuff for nothing if I called for them. I went. The cake is pretty heavy and the jelly is not jelled, but I guess the ingredients are pure, so we are going to distribute the stuff among our poor families. Unfortunately the jars are not so innocent. Bread and cake could not sink a gunboat and not even a French chef could turn them into a savory stew are sent in by incompetent cooks. Where people ever got the notion that undesirable eatables would be taken from the Salvation Army is a mystery. We certainly never asked for them."

There are still some things that they do better in Europe, and one of them is barrel making. Ask any big importer or dealer in spirits or wines and he will tell you that nowhere else are such casks made as in France and Germany. A trip through the vaults of a big whiskey house will show thousands of gallons of American whiskey aging and value while resting in great casks which once held the wines of the Rhine or of France. Often they are elaborately carved on the inside, and the long arches of the corridors. For some reason, the guide explains, American cooper will not put as much pains in their work and their barrels will last.

Babies wearing placards with the following admonition may be seen in Central Park: "Please do not kiss me. I do not like it. It is harmful." This is the latest thing in the anti-tuberculosis movement, it is said in *Miscellaneous* and scores of mothers are making use of these cards.

The custom of "paging" persons wanted at the telephone or for whom telegrams are waiting has passed in a number of large New York society buildings and halls. A brass buttoned boy no longer travels about calling "Mr. White Glock" or some other name nobody can make out. Now the call is blazoned on the brass button in the English language. The name is written on a lamplighted plate of glass and then the light is turned on, and it is easy for the one wanted to present a message like the following appears on the wall:

"Mr. James Smith. Wanted at telephone."

"As I'm going to take a trip to Europe this year," remarked a business man to a friend, "I thought I would like to know a little about the language of the country. After three months' leave in Italy, I tried to ask an Italian barkeeper to mix me a cocktail and I couldn't do it, because I didn't know the Italian for mix." His friend smiled as if he might have been there himself.

Last Monday I was in Public School 41, on the East Side, watching the cooking class. Not one of the children in that class understood English, but the things were there and the teacher went through the motions and the English words clearly spoken. It made me sick to see every one of those kids learning the English words for mix and stir and sugar and salt and eggs while their mother deliberately warned me that if I would not drop the Peck matter I would set into trouble and ten days later I received my first notice of the prospective discontinuance of my professorship at the end of the year, and this is the fact. My last interview with the president took place on January 26, and on that date he assured me that he would urge the continuance of my professorship. The same afternoon he informed several members of the faculty that the English department was to be discontinued. I have not seen the president or any member of the English department since that date. I have only written two letters to the president, one in which I expressed my moderation, though with many independent ideas in answer to his own insulting notes. These two letters, for what reason I cannot say, resulted in my being relieved from my academic duties in the middle of the college year. The noblest ends of academic life will never be served so long as this spokesman of materialism remains in power."

"The increasing size of women's hats is noticeable even to the casual masculine eye," said an observer. "But I never realized the full possibilities of this feminine accessory till the other evening at the theatre. I happened to be sitting behind a woman who entered somewhat disheveled by the wind and rain. Remembering her hat, she selected a hatpin, and opening its top extracted a small mirror and a tiny powder puff and proceeded to repair her make-up, then and there—'to my great amazement.'"

"One thing that makes marriage in the Society of Friends such a formidable undertaking is the size of the marriage certificate," said the man. "Friends use the biggest of marriage certificates on earth. Their size is 17 by 23 inches. That equals the size of the ordinary certificates, which are only 8 1/2 by 11 inches, and sometimes smaller. A Friends certificate is a funeral looking document. Illuminated letters are forbidden and the printing is entirely in black on parchment. There is a good reason for this. It is to prevent the certificate from being used as a keepsake. It is to be burned in the presence of the witnesses and the officiating clergyman at a Friends' wedding. It takes extraordinary precautions to preserve the certificate from destruction. He delivers it enclosed in a little tin tube."

CARBORUNDUM DIAMONDS NOW

TRUBLE IS THEY ARE TOO BRITTLE TO BE CUT.

Lustrous and Refractive Power Great—Pennsylvania Diamonds Are a Sulphur-Iron Stone From the Coal Fields—Imitation Coral and Platinum.

Maiden lane jewelry dealers are talking these days of new discoveries by chemists who have been trying to make exact imitations of the precious stones and jewels.

Chemists who are trying to imitate the diamond now are said to look with most favor upon carborundum as the material. Crystals of carborundum may be made of almost any size and are cheap, as they are readily produced in an electric furnace out of a mixture of sand, coke, sawdust and common salt. The carborundum is now conceded to be next to the diamond in hardness and it scratches even the ruby and sapphire.

This new composition was first made in dark brown and black colors, but within a few weeks the chemists have succeeded in obtaining crystals that are as colorless and transparent as the diamond itself and have even greater lustrous and refractive power. But these crystals have one defect that bars them from use in jewelry. They are so brittle that they cannot be cut and polished like diamonds. They fly to pieces when they are put on the grindstone.

The chemists are still hopeful of overcoming this defect. Meantime advantage is being taken of the discovery by irresponsible dealers who are offering brilliant stones supposed to be of carborundum but really paste or cheap transparent stones.

Jargons are being put on the market as an imitation of fancy brown diamonds. "Pennsylvania diamonds" have also appeared in the wholesale jewelry district. They are a sulphur iron stone that is actually taken from the anthracite fields. The sparkle of these stones is like that of the real diamonds and the brilliant qualities are said to be lasting.

Genuine coral has become so dear that the chemists began experimenting early last fall to produce the product artificially. Within a few days an artificial coral has appeared in the jewelry stores and is guaranteed to be not only of the identical color and texture of the real coral, but also to have the same weight, "feel" and temperature, so that experts are defied to detect the imitation from the real thing.

The Sisterhood of St. John the Baptist is an Episcopal order, but the home is intended for the use of girls of all denominations and faiths. They are expected to attend the Episcopal church.

SAYS DARK MAN IS COMING.

Prof. Putnam of Harvard Predicts the Ultimate Extinction of the Blonde.

BOSTON, April 9.—The American of the future will be much different from the present one, to-day and probably will be swarthy, according to Prof. Frederick Ward Putnam, head of Peabody Museum, Harvard. He says:

"I think that the people of this country will gradually grow darker, and though the result will not be the copper color of Indian, it will be much darker than the average to-day. This development will not be shown for many generations and will first make itself seen in the cities."

One reason for this is that the southern Europeans and the Hebrews settle as rule in the cities while the northern Europeans, the Danes, make for the open country. As Prof. Jenks of the University of Minnesota has pointed out, the Northwest seems to appeal strongly to the blondes. In fact, the blondes are in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan a large percentage of blondes. Similar conditions could be observed elsewhere in a rural country. So we find the dark type comes more strongly into evidence.

"In the cities the people from the different countries are brought into closer relations. The prejudices and antipathies that have existed for generations are forgotten here, at least by the second generation born on American soil. We find the younger generation of one race intermarrying with those of other races."

It is natural enough that owing to the crowded conditions of life in the cities this acquaintance and intermarriage should occur in the cities more rapidly than in the country. With the large number of mixed-blood people from southern Europe who settle in the cities we find there the evidences of the general darkening of the American who is descended from intermarriages of blonds and brunettes."

MASS. TECH. IS SO TO-DAY

Semi-Centennial of Boston School to Be Celebrated This Week.

BOSTON, April 9.—Leading men of the world in commerce and industry, famous scientists and educators and thousands of Massachusetts Institute of Technology alumni will attend the first congress of Technology, which begins to-morrow.

YORKMAN TO BE HOME TO-DAY.

His Daughter, Mrs. Fosdick, Reported to Be Doing Well.

St. Louis, Mo., April 9.—B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the Frisco railroad, left here at 8:45 this morning on the twenty-fourth New York Central train for New York city, where he will arrive at 8:45 to-morrow morning.

WHO'S BOUGHT THE GARDEN?

One Director Says Henry Corn Has an Option—Corn Says He Hasn't.

A director of the Madison Square Garden Company said yesterday that Henry Corn, the real estate man of 341 Fifth avenue, had got a ninety day option on the Garden and if he decided to take the property would pay \$8,500,000. The term of the option would begin this week, the director said.

The director further said that he understood Mr. Corn proposed to tear down the Garden if he bought it and replace it with a building for stores. The Madison Square Garden Company still hopes, according to this director, that somebody would buy the Garden who would save it intact for the city. He said that overtures to this end were made recently, but the price the prospective buyer or buyers had in mind was not enough. The Garden has been advertised for sale at \$3,500,000.

"I have no option on Madison Square Garden, I have not asked for any and had no idea of buying," reported to the director who had said there was an option, the director observed that perhaps the contract was not signed yet.

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The house contains nicely furnished sitting rooms, a gymnasium, a roof garden and a swimming pool. The house is well equipped with the latest in plumbing, electric and heating apparatus and a good table besides for \$2.50 a week to each person. Several lines of cars connect the house with the business neighborhood.

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Well, with the \$65,000 I wandered over to the Knickerbocker. Tom Messing and I was annoyed to find a big crowd about the building. I waited about for a little while and then asked a policeman what was the matter.

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"But," said the messenger, "it is half past one."

"Good gracious!" exclaimed the woman, jumping up. "I thought it was only half past twelve" and there was considerable excitement about the lobby until she had got into the taxi and was headed for the hotel. She just did make the steamer.

The scarf pin worn by Señor Mulligan, who half the time assigns you to rooms at the Plaza, is rivalled by only one collection in a hotel office in New York, which is possessed by Gustav Schmidt of the St. Regis. Mulligan has one pin, a circle of diamonds and rubies, that had long been the envy of Arthur Farintosh of the hotel and when the former volunteered to have a similar one made at a cost price Farintosh felt for it. He had a habit of losing scarf pins so a fastener was furnished with this one.

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POSED AS JACOB SCHIFF, JR.

Young Man Locked Up Charged With Jumping Board-Bill.

TACOMA, Wash., April 9.—A well dressed man of 23, who said he was Jacob H. Schiff, Jr., a son of a New York banker, was arrested last night on the charge of attempting to jump an \$18 board bill at the Hotel Carlton.

He was arrested in the Tacoma Hotel just as he had completed a letter addressed to the New York banker, in which he went into details regarding the Puget Sound district.

At the police station he insisted on being booked as F. J. Francis and said that his monthly remittance from Jacob H. Schiff would arrive on Monday, when he would settle the hotel bill.

At first he showed anger over his arrest, but he cooled down and said he could stand the cell till Monday.

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NEW DORMITORY AT CORNELL.

It Will Be for Women and Erected on an Extension of the Campus.

Ithaca, April 9.—By the action of the trustees of Cornell University at a meeting held Saturday the northern boundary of the university campus has been extended beyond Fall Creek gorge, which ever since the original grant by Ezra Cornell over forty years ago has been the northern line of the campus. On Tuesday the trustees decided to erect the new dormitory for women for which Mrs. Russell Sage has donated \$300,000.

The new addition to the campus includes about three acres of land lying between the gorge and Thurston avenue. In view of the romantic beauty of this site its selection and use for a dormitory for the women students of the university and in accordance with the expressed desire of the women students and graduates the trustees decided to locate the new women's dormitory on this site.

The funds for the purchase of this new field, over \$100,000, were donated to the university by Emma and William H. Miller, the New York banker who is a member of the board of trustees.

FUNERAL OF CHAS. S. ADLER.

Republicans and Democrats Join to Honor Dead East Side Leader.

There was a large turnout from the East Side yesterday at the funeral of Charles S. Adler, the Republican leader of the Eighth Assembly district, who died last Wednesday. After services which began at 10 o'clock at Temple Rodolph Sholem, Lexington avenue and Sixty-third street, there was a carriage procession to the Lincoln League Club on Orchard street, where various organizations joined it and marched to the Williamsburg Bridge.

Charles Adler was a prominent figure on the East Side for years. Starting as a tailor's assistant he became interested in politics and although a Republican in a Democratic district he was elected Assemblyman in 1906. He was a successful Tammany Hall candidate. He settled domestic difficulties, bailed out the unlucky ones and spoke a word for the pushcart peddler. He was a member of the Tammany Club and a member of the Democratic organizations both participated in the funeral march.

About 1,000 persons were present at the funeral. The Rev. Mr. Kahn delivered the Jewish prayer for the dead. This was followed by an address by Rabbi Rudolph Grossman.

The honorary pallbearers and chief mourners embarked in carriages which filed downtown to the Lincoln League Club on Orchard street. The pallbearers were Justice Lewis G. Hughes, Judge Charles H. Murray, Judge Joseph F. Sullivan, Judge Otto A. Rosasky, ex-Attorney-General Julius M. Mayer, ex-Congressman William S. Bennett, Samuel S. Thurston, Edward Lauterbach, Charles C. Griscom, William Barnes, Jr., Herbert Parsons, Abraham Gruber, Republican leader of the Ninth Senator Timothy D. Sullivan, John H. Grogan, Joseph M. Max, James H. McLaughlin, Frank J. Martin, Andrew C. McEviney and Joseph S. Marcus. Ex-Gov. Benjamin Odell was on the list of pallbearers but was absent owing to illness.

Mr. Adler's sister and his two brothers, Isaac Adler and Abraham Adler, occupied the front row on the left at the service. The chief mourner was Commissioner William Wright, Congressman Beardon from the Third Assembly district, ex-Sheriff Foley, Deputy State Comptroller Julius Harburger, Deputy State Comptroller Woodward, Jay Weber, the theatrical manager, Tax Commissioner Samuel Strassburger, Thomas H. Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall, and Irving Stoungut, the Mayor's second assistant, Gustav Gompers and Ben the Buton Man.

OBITUARY.

Gen. James Evelyn Pilcher of Carlisle, Pa., author, surgeon and lecturer, died last night. He was 82 years of age. Gen. Pilcher was with him. Gen. Pilcher in 1890, when stationed at Carlisle, Pa., was in the Medical Corps of the army. He fought alone an epidemic of dengue fever in the Philippines. Near the close of the epidemic he fell a victim to the disease. From the effects of this attack he never recovered and he was forced to retire from active service. During the Spanish war he acted as a volunteer officer in the chief surgeon's office in the South. He was the author of many medical works and was a contributor to various military journals. He is survived by his wife and a brother, Lewis Stephen Pilcher, who sailed a merchantman between New York and China, and was born while the vessel was at sea. She spent her childhood on the island of St. John's, N. H. She was the daughter of Capt. Benjamin Fowler, who sailed a merchantman between New York and China, and was born while the vessel was at sea. She spent her childhood on the island of St. John's, N. H. She was the daughter of Capt. Benjamin Fowler, who sailed a merchantman between New York and China, and was born while the vessel was at sea. She spent her childhood on the island of St. John's, N. H. She was the daughter of Capt. Benjamin Fowler, who sailed a merchantman between New York and China, and was born while the vessel was at sea.

William C. Pierpont, aged 72, a member of the New York Produce Exchange and for fifty years a marketman in Wall Street, died at his home in Yonkers yesterday. He was a vestryman in the Episcopal Church. While counting the collection after a service a week ago to-day he was struck by a stroke of paralysis, which he finally succumbed.

John B. Hill, the oldest resident of Elmington Junction, N. C., was found dead in the garden of his son, John H. Hill, yesterday afternoon. He was stricken with heart disease. He was 82 years of age.

No. 5. U. Musical Comedy.

The Varsity Dramatic Society of New York University was told early in the season that it would not be able to give a musical comedy this season as it has done several years heretofore. It is believed that the faculty's point of view is that too much time is wasted in trying to compete with shows of a superior class which are given on Broadway, and further that too many students fall down in their scholarship on account of such activity. It may be, however, a New York University this year a musical comedy under the auspices of the senior class on the evening of April 26.

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FIRE BENEFIT PROGRAMME.

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More than 500 players from opera, drama, musical comedy and vaudeville will meet to-day for final rehearsals on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House for the benefit which they will hold there to-morrow afternoon for the Washington place fire sufferers under the auspices of the Association of Theatre Managers of Greater New York.

At a special meeting of the managers yesterday the hour for the opening of the performance was changed from noon to 1 o'clock. The benefit will last until 9. It was also announced that a large collection of seats on the ground floor of the Metropolitan had been placed on sale for \$1, a considerably lower figure than the regular opera price.

Miss Bijou Fernandez and Miss Amelia Bingham have selected thirty of the most attractive young actresses playing in the city to sell the programmes.

Following is the full programme: Emma Bestwin, selections from famous operas; Otis Skinner, recitation, "L'Arrivee Pensee"; George (Honey Boy) Evans, minstrel monologue; Adeline Greene, Empire dance by Messager; Emma Trentini, Valse of M. Smetana; "La Boheme"; Mrs. F. J. Gillette, recitation, "The Pink