

to come back and as I was waiting... Police Lieutenant Peter... Webster... station... asked him how it was done... He didn't know.

"We had not stood there for more than a minute or so when down the street came Mr. Haas and the stranger... This time as he came up to me I said I had no objection... You've got a pretty hard case... something like that... He said Yes, pretty hard, smiled and passed on... Carter only said 'Good evening, Mr. Haas,' and Haas nodded at him. Other men spoke to him.

"That thing was the talk of the neighborhood afterward and nobody ever got any further... never bothered my head about telling anybody who might want to know... I don't know Becker, don't believe I ever saw him and I didn't want to get in any tangle, but since it's out I am willing to swear to what I saw anywhere.

Others May Testify.

"Carter feels the same way and some of the other men are ready and willing to do the same... I guess about thirty people along this street saw him."

Mr. Haas was asked at his home later if he had been able to pay a visit to his family during the trial. At first he said:

"I don't care to talk about it."

Told that the counsel for Becker was collecting affidavits that he had been home, he still remained silent until his wife said:

"You know you had permission."

"The fact is," said the lawyer, "my teeth got to hurting me pretty bad during the trial. It was necessary to cut short a session one afternoon because of them. They then gave me permission to go to my dentist to get fixed up and I paid him two visits. Both these visits were at night and as the sessions ran pretty late, I didn't get up here either night much before 6 o'clock."

"Is your dentist in the neighborhood of your home?" he was asked.

"Yes," was the answer.

He was asked who the dentist was and replied:

"I do not care to go into that."

He would not talk further except that he was accompanied by an officer. Asked again if he had been home, he said that he did not care to speak about the subject.

Capt. Lynch Surprised.

Capt. William J. Lynch, who had the jury in charge, was much surprised yesterday afternoon to be asked if Haas had been allowed to go near his home any night. He denied emphatically the possibility of any such thing being the case.

"The report is not true," said the captain. "The only time that Haas was over in the neighborhood of his home, which I believe is in East 101st street, was when we took him up to register. That was on one of the last registration days, and then he only went up near Washington Bridge. All the jurors were together at the time."

"But would it not have been possible for a juror to have received special permission from the presiding justice to go out to his home or to somewhere else?" he was asked.

"No such permission was given during the trial," said the captain, "and Haas never went. I am positive about that."

"This fact that juror No. 12 did go out without the other jurors will be only one of the grounds upon which we intend to ask the justice himself to set aside the verdict," said Mr. Shay yesterday. "The fact is the jury was ordered kept together and isolated so that it might not come in contact with any person or thing which might influence the decision. It was a proper proceeding."

"Now it develops that Haas was not kept in this way. He went out at night. He traveled in the subway and on the elevated railroads. He walked the streets, he could see men, was where he could overhear many discussing the case, many every person expressing an opinion, for every one will remember that it was the topic uppermost in conversation during the entire time of the trial."

"It was impossible for Haas or any other person but a deaf man to go outside his cell without hearing something which might leave a prejudice in his mind."

The record does not disclose anywhere that the justice gave permission for the men to go out for any purpose and Mr. McIntyre informs me that he is sure nothing was ever said to him about it. I am very hopeful that when the matter is brought to the attention of the justice, in a formal motion he will recognize the irregularity of the proceeding and set aside the verdict. The case in any event will be reviewed by a higher court."

Whitman Doubts Permit.

District Attorney Whitman scoffed at first last night the report that Mr. Haas had ever gone home or anywhere near it.

"I don't believe it possible," he said. "I never heard of it. I don't believe the justice ever gave the man permission to do anything of the kind."

"However," added Mr. Whitman, "if Haas did go home or any other place as has been said it will not affect the verdict. I think the decisions are sufficiently plain on that score."

"As a matter of fact the sequestration of a jury is purely at the discretion of the presiding justice. There is nothing in the law which forbids a jury in a murder case from separating at adjournment every night and going wherever it pleases, but a judge may have an idea that it will be for the best to keep them together. He therefore gives his orders, as in the Becker case."

"Now if one juror or two jurors or all the jurors should leave at night that would not affect the verdict. What it would do in my opinion would be to render the juror in question liable to be called up to answer a charge of contempt of court. He might have to stand punishment, but I am confident that on the bare evidence that a juror did leave his fellows and did go out at night no court will set aside a verdict or award a new trial."

Becker Doubts Stories.

"Do not pay any attention to any reports of my conduct here or of my relations with the other men. They are untrue. You know what I am doing, what I hope to do. You know that the truth is mighty and must prevail and that sooner or later this horrible conspiracy will be shown up as it is and I will receive my trial."

In substance that is a recitation of a statement made recently by a man just returned from the death house at Sing Sing. It was inspired by a statement made recently by a man just returned from the death house at Sing Sing in lunacy was appointed for him.

Becker, from what he has heard of it, his wife and his friends were all hurt at his supposed relations there, be-

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Expresses Profound Admiration for Their Patriotism and Love of Liberty.

DISCUSSES HIS DEFEAT

"I Was Not Much of a Success," He Tells Beth-El Temple Audience.

Rabbi Samuel Schulman couldn't get into his own synagogue, Temple Beth-El, last night, until a lieutenant of police recognized him, crooked two protecting elbows and dived with him through a press of men and women whom sixty other policemen were keeping out of the building because it was full and the doors were shut. A dozen rabbis of other congregations and many of their flock didn't even get so far as the police.

The reason was that the President of the United States was in Temple Beth-El, helping the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith to celebrate its seven-fiftieth birthday. When he emerged, an hour and a half later, much of the crowd still stood there, and despite their earlier disappointment they cheered happily. A call to headquarters had brought fifty reserves to help the thirteen policemen originally detailed.

The President received a loving cup from B'nai B'rith two weeks ago and his speech last night was reciprocal. He complimented the Jews for having brought to this country a love of liberty and veneration for the Constitution which some native born Americans do not possess, referred to the "nightmare" to which the Senate had turned his dream of arbitration with all countries, and amused the big audience with philosophically humorous allusions to his political defeat.

Rabbi Schulman in introducing President Taft said:

By his personality, his gentleness, his conscientiousness and his philosophy, admirable temper and patriotic confidence in the American people, he has given to the world an example of the highest type of American government.

The Administration of President Taft, said Dr. Schulman, seemed to have been in accord with the saying of William Ellery Channing, "our country has been entrusted by God with a mission to humanity." It had been singular, the rabbi said, by deeds illustrative of best American progress and by systematically the rights of human rights. He credited Mr. Taft with having led the greatest attempt ever made by a people to commit the world to the methods of peace.

Felicitating the order on its seven-fiftieth anniversary, President Taft remarked that six or seven years must seem a very short time in the life of the Jewish race.

"A study of the history of the race," he went on, "brings to one not of it a profound admiration for a people that have lived against all abuse, intolerance and unkindness. I like to think of Americans as an amalgamated race, drawing virtues from all over the world and yet being different from any other race. One thing we see from the Jews is love of liberty in intensity and spirit that Americans who have lived here always are not quite able to understand."

The President said that he didn't like to dip into politics, for he hadn't been a grand success.

But one of the things that have come over us," he said, very gravely, "is that the American people will have to be educated over again in the lessons of liberty regulated by law and will have to be taught again the real value of the rights we now have and of the restraints of the Constitution under which we enjoy liberty securely. Enjoying this great right, we undervalue it and let some time somebody may steal it. The average American sometimes forgets that we can't change the guarantees of the Constitution without losing our rights."

But the Jews know what this means—they know and will never let the guarantees of the Constitution be in any degree impaired. I have never had my patriotism more aroused than when visiting the East Side. I have seen these people, who have come here in the last decade, and their children responding to the flag, heard them singing the national anthem, and witnessed their appreciation of the fact that they are American citizens. I have never had more than they know these things better than we who were brought up here."

The President admitted that in his youth he was a Philistine. He said he used to go to a concert and think that the orchestra was just tuning up when it was really playing.

"But eventually," he said, "I became the brother-in-law of an orchestra that is, Mrs. Taft became the president of one, and then I had to become educated—I believe the Jews recognize the discipline of the family. [Laughter.] Well, what I started to say was that if we hadn't had any Jews in Cincinnati it is the Jews' love for and knowledge of all the arts that neutralizes our Philistinism."

The President thought that religious prejudice of other nations would disappear in time, largely because we are setting an example in America. As for international peace, it had been his hope that arbitration would at length provide an interlocking device that would at last provide a court of arbitration for the world.

"But it seems to have been a dream," he observed. "We got the treaties with England and France and then I woke up. The Senate woke me up. But the great idea is bound to be realized. We have set a milestone at least. It is a more absurd for two nations to fight to see which is right."

Before Dr. Schulman made his speech of welcome there was impressive music by the cantor, the Rev. Bernhard Steinberg, and the choir, and at the end of the service the audience stood up for

the national anthem. Simon Wolf, past president of B'nai B'rith; Charles M. Lord, president of District Grand Lodge No. 1, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman were other speakers.

The President went back to the home of Henry W. Taft for the night. Today he will go to Yale.

TAFT VISITS MUSEUM.
President Examines Art Treasures of J. P. Morgan's Collection.

President and Mrs. Taft, surrounded by four secret service men and six policemen, spent half an hour yesterday afternoon viewing the Morgan collection of painting and Chinese porcelains at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It was the first Sunday on which the pictures have been viewable by the public and the President's party was no exception. It is believed to be the biggest crush the museum has known.

The President and Mrs. Taft, with Henry W. Taft and Charles D. Hiles, motored up Fifth avenue after dinner at H. W. Taft's home, 36 West Forty-eighth street. At the museum their guide was Dr. Edward Robinson, the director. He took them first to Gallery E-11, where the thirty pictures which Mr. Morgan had loaned were first exhibited on Tuesday last.

"Here citizens flocked around when they saw the President of the United States strolling cheerfully through the gate. Some of them tagged him through the gallery, kept at arm's length at least by the President's guard. The President bowed to several persons whom he knew."

The Taft visitors had no time for lingering before the paintings that they especially liked, but Dr. Robinson suggested that in the spring, when the President presumably will have more time, he and Mrs. Taft come down from New Haven and see the museum at their leisure. They accepted the invitation. The President was familiar with the work of many of the painters represented in the Morgan collection, for his brother, Charles P. Taft, has a notable collection in Cincinnati.

After inspecting the porcelains in another part of the museum, the President and his companions returned to Henry W. Taft's home, where the President remained until he went to Temple Beth-El to speak in the evening.

In the forenoon President Taft, Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Louis Moore of Cincinnati, Charles D. Hiles and Major Thomas L. Rhoads attended a service at the Marble Collegiate (Dutch Reformed) Church, Fifth avenue and Twenty-ninth street. The Rev. Dr. David James Barry's text was from St. John's. "Accept my thanks by faith which was always comprehended by reason." In the benediction the President was mentioned by the assistant pastor, the Rev. Alfred E. Myers.

Several cameras snapped the President emerging from church, and a hundred persons on the sidewalk doffed their hats. Before dinner the President and Mrs. Taft rode to Grant's Tomb and back in an automobile, trailed by secret service men and bicycle policemen.



The Mystery of the Roll-Top Desk

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GABY SAYS GEMS ARE GONE.

Actress Reports \$70,000 Robbery of Trunks in Baggage Car.

Gaby Deslys, who will appear in Brooklyn to-night after an eight-day tour, announced last night that she had been robbed of \$70,000 worth of jewelry.

She had most of it in two trunks. The trunks and those of her company were put aboard baggage cars which left Albany, where Gaby had been appearing, at 3:04 o'clock yesterday morning. The cars were behind the cars on which Gaby and the company traveled. They got into the Grand Central yards here at 7:02 o'clock this morning. Gaby went to the Plaza.

Property Man Sheridan went down to look after the cars yesterday afternoon. He says most of the trunks were entered and that the trunks of Gaby and the others had been broken open. Reporters saw two broken trunks at the Grand Central Station last night. Gaby came down from her hotel at Sheridan's request.

C. H. Woods, general baggage agent of the road, told Albany about it and sent out the railroad detectives. On the floor of the car that had her broken trunks in it Gaby said she found some pearls that the thieves had overlooked and a chinchilla coat valued at \$5,000. Later in the evening Gaby and her managers went to headquarters to tell the police about it.

MOVIES KEEP CORNELL SOBER.

Growing Sense of Responsibility and Ditch Treat Help Too.

ITHACA, Jan. 18.—That there has been a great decrease in drinking by Cornell students is the report of Theodore Twoston, a proctor at Bryant University. The movies have been big factors in bringing this result about.

Mr. Twoston says that numerous reasons can be given to account for this decrease, but probably the chief is that undergraduates are no longer allowing themselves to get into a way of drinking. They recognize that an undergraduate in an intoxicated condition is a disgrace to the university.

"I have had many men come up to my office following a night's drunkenness and apologize to me for their conduct," he said. "Moving picture shows are starting the cause for this turn for the better, but do not, of course, account for all of it. When an undergraduate goes down town for the evening he will generally take in one or two of the movies, thus spending the time that he might have spent in a saloon."

"The 'no treat' system, which was in vogue last year, helped in a way, but probably about this decrease. Another of the reasons is that undergraduates probably better realize that drinking is injurious both to the mind and the body."

BIG SHIP FOR THE TROPICS.

Pastors, First of the United Fruit Company's New Trio, Comes to Port. The new United Fruit steamship Pastores, the largest built for the trade between this port and the Spanish Main, arrived yesterday from Belfast by way of Boston. She is a twin screw of 7,780 tons, is 487 feet long and 55 feet beam, can carry 150 first class passengers and 75,000 bunches of bananas. She has only outside staterooms, forty-two bathrooms and a palm garden.

Two other steamships of similar design are under construction at Belfast. They will increase the United Fruit fleet to more than 150 vessels.

The Wall Street edition of THE EVENING SUN contains all the financial news and the stock and bond quotations to the close of the market.—Adv.

WAITERS POSTPONE BALLOT ON STRIKE

Admit Ardor of Some Members Is Dampened by Concessions From Hotel Men.

IN FEAR OF FEDERATION

Committee Says Employers Have Enlisted Aid of the Gompers Organization.

Further evidence that the hotel waiters' strike is on the wane was had yesterday when the leaders decided not to have a vote on the date for a general walkout, but to postpone that step until Wednesday. In addition a spirit of insurrection developed in the two meetings that were held in the afternoon and evening at Bryant Hall, some of the strikers insisting that too much dillydallying was being done and demanding immediate and forceful action.

The insurgents were quelled, but had it not been for the presence on the platform of Elizabeth Curley Flynn, the former Morris High School girl, who is now an I. W. W. organizer, serious trouble would have occurred. Miss Flynn, who has great influence with the members of the International Hotel Workers' Union, succeeded in bringing the disturbers to order so the speaking could continue.

In a statement issued by the strikers' executive committee the charge is made that the Hotel Men's Association has enlisted the support of the American Federation of Labor with the idea of putting the waiters' union out of business. The local organizers of the I. W. W. were much exercised at the reports last night. They admitted that they wouldn't court a fight with the federation and that if they wanted to the chiefs of the federation would do great harm to the waiters' cause. Hotel men who were asked about this denied that any such move had been made.

Besides the trouble in Bryant Hall last night there was excitement in the middle of the hall proclaiming that he was a socialist and denouncing the I. W. W. and all its works. He went on to say that the waiters had already lost their strike, but there was a hurried movement toward him and he left the hall, taking the stairs five at a time.

The vote on the date for a general strike will be taken at the waiters' headquarters, 72 West Thirty-sixth street, on Wednesday. Miss Flynn said the balloting would start at 9 A. M. and last all day and all night. Ballots will be distributed at meetings to-night and to-morrow night in Bryant Hall and at a mass meeting to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock in Union Square.

In the statement announcing the postponement the committee says: Reports all over the city indicate that hotel owners and managers, already fearing the result of a general strike vote, are offering inducements to the employes. This to a large extent has dampened the ardor of the hotel workers.

At the same time the Hotel Men's Association is now in cooperation with the American Federation of Labor and is evidently laying a trap to divide the forces of the Hotel Workers' Union. This clearly indicates that careful consideration of the situation is demanded, and we as your committee would be reluctant in our duty were we to ignore the facts in the situation.

BRIAND LOOKS FOR MINISTERS.

Has Not Yet Accepted the Premiership of France.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, Jan. 18.—Nothing definite has been done as yet in regard to the formation of a new Cabinet under President-elect Poincaré. M. Aristide Briand, the head of the Ministry, which put down the railway strike and the present Minister of Justice, has not as yet accepted the invitation of the new President to form a Cabinet. He spent the day visiting the leaders of various groups and leaders of the Republican party, but was unable to announce a decision to-night.

M. Briand called on M. Clemenceau, Sarrien, Dubost and Deschanel, but evidently could make no definite arrangements for a combination of the various groups. For this reason he refused to make a decision to-night as to the formation of a Ministry.

M. Briand, it will be recalled, invoked the military reserve law to break up

TWO BANDITS HOLD UP TEN MEN.

Slash Saloon Owner With Razor, but He Saves His Money.

Two bandits with revolvers held up ten men in a saloon at 500 Bloomfield street, Hoboken, last night. The owner, Eugene Vorburger, showed fight and saved his money, but he was terribly gashed about the face and neck by one of the robbers, who had discarded his revolver and drawn a razor.

The two men called upon the ten to throw up their hands and they all obeyed. While one of the men offered the crowd the other started to go behind the bar to the cash register. Vorburger blocked the man and the bandit thrust his revolver into his pocket and pulled out a razor, slashing right and left. They then ran away.

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