

DEMI-VIRGIN STORM GROWS IN BROADWAY

City Inquiry Into Impure Plays Hinted in Case of A. H. Woods.

COPELAND TAKES LEAD

Health Commissioner Tells of Many Clean Pieces Which Please Him.

MADDOO PROTEST STRONG

Denounces Productions Put On Solely to Attract Crowds by Vulgarities.

Certain plays on Broadway appeared last night to be due for investigation in view of an announcement by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of Health, that he intends to call the attention of the Board of Health to charges that the New York stage needs a complete renovation and an application of censorship if the health of theatregoers is to be protected.

Dr. Copeland's statement, contained in an answer to Perriton Maxwell of Bay Side, L. I., former magazine editor, was understood to be a forerunner of an announcement that the city authorities are going to supervise Broadway productions. Its contents were made public simultaneously with the announcement from the office of William McAdoo, Chief City Magistrate, that A. H. Woods, producer, has been charged with presenting "immoral and impure" plays, the accusation being based on a reading of the manuscript of "The Demi-Virgin."

Mr. Woods's case was filed at \$2,000. Magistrate McAdoo's decision to entertain a charge against him contained a review of "The Demi-Virgin," in which that play was criticized as "deliberately, painstakingly, and, for the purpose of gain, coarsely and indecently impure in motive, word and action and in every respect offensive to the public morals."

Mr. Woods told the Magistrate earlier in the day when he appeared in court that changes had been made in the play at certain points which led to complaints. The manuscript in the hands of the court, he said, lacked these changes.

In the arraignment of the plays with which Mr. Maxwell found fault, it was said that "the dramatic corruption of certain plays is as surely undermining the public health of impresario theatregoers as an exposed sewer would if placed in the middle of the auditorium."

Mr. Maxwell said he wrote his letter as an editor and writer concerned with the progress and integrity of the American drama during the last twenty years. He based his criticism on the application to the theatre of the saying that a clean mind makes a sound body.

Dr. Copeland's letter called attention to plays such as "Thank You," which he said does as much for a community as "a dozen doctors." He said he entered the theatre where it is playing depressed and fatigued and left afterward "heartened and renewed."

Scenes Described at Hearing. The hearing at which the case of "The Demi-Virgin" was taken up by Magistrate McAdoo took place in the Chief Magistrate's office, at 300 Mulberry street. Robert S. Johnstone, Assistant District Attorney, read the manuscript and Lieut. Albert Duffy, Chief Inspector's office, Police Headquarters, took the stand to testify concerning one of the allegedly objectionable scenes.

He described one in which there is a card game, in which one of the women characters talks about taking off "two freckles and a mole."

SNAKE SURGEON FLOODED WITH TIPS BY EXPERTS

Raymond L. Ditmars Advised to Numb the Cobra With a Cold Automobile Ride Before Operating on Reptile's Eyes.

Nothing which has happened at the New York Zoological Park in recent years has aroused more interest than the operations Raymond L. Ditmars, curator, has been performing on the two deadly King cobras whose sight was endangered by the growth of skin over their eyes. The operation in itself is simple enough. Anybody with a steady hand and a pair of tweezers could do what Dr. Ditmars did, provided—and here's the real rub—provided he came close enough to the snake and succeeded in staying there long enough—just long enough.

Since the first operation, two weeks ago, a flood of advice and inquiry has poured in upon Dr. Ditmars at his office in the reptile house. Suggestions in infinite variety have been made concerning the best approach to be used in dealing with a critter whose bite has the gift of knocking you cold inside of two minutes.

DOCTOR, AT 99, HAS HEALTH SURPRISES

Stephen Smith Will Give Them To-morrow and May 'Startle Nation.'

It would be hard to find a better example of the application of health rules to daily life than Dr. Stephen Smith, who will be 99 in February, and who, despite his extraordinary years, made a brief speech last night at the opening of the semi-annual celebration of the American Public Health Association in the Astor Hotel.

It was just after the present head, Dr. Maxcy P. Ravenel, had delivered his address that the founder was asked to say a few words, and those words were to the effect that to-morrow, when he is to be the principal guest at a banquet tendered him by his organization, he expects to make a proposal or two which may perhaps startle the nation. Those who heard this announcement made in the grand ballroom wondered what it could be, but Dr. Smith persisted in refusing to discuss the matter.

He paid a tribute to the Health Department, which, he said, had attained a remarkable efficiency in the way of conserving the health of the people and lengthening life.

Sessions of the association are held simultaneously in various ballrooms and assembly rooms of the hotel afternoons and evenings. Papers read yesterday included subjects ranging from candy to cremation. Health education and publicity through motion pictures had a special illustrated program. Friday is the last day of serious work, and Saturday will be devoted to sightseeing.

Grand Central Palace, another feature of the city's Health Week, fairly bristles with suggestions for keeping fit. There are clinics—all free—diet programs, exercises for young and old, and the accepted have opportunity of seeing and talking with ten fat women and ten fat men, who will prove that earnestness of purpose will dissolve adiposity. If the earnestness is directed in the right way. The prize exhibit, a woman who lost 31 pounds in four weeks, but still remains Sarah Strong, heads the reducing squad.

The main floor of the exhibition hall is squared off in innumerable booths, the contents of which pertain to long life, comfort and happiness. The Health Department has a space at the left at the top of the main stairway, where Health Commissioner Copeland presides. He made a brief speech at the opening of the exhibition, and retired to his special booth to direct the various health affairs in charge of his department.

They are still searching for the woman with a perfect set of molars, and if she can be found, it is a girl and a boy and a man whose upper and lower are flawless, each will receive a prize on Saturday, the last day of the exhibit. In the gallery, where there are numerous other attractions, including the radium booth, which is constantly under guard, may be found an entirely new set of games, where you turn a wheel of health and play a shuffleboard of health, and knock down frightful looking dolls representing germs. And every time a ball hits one of these creatures and topples it over the underside of the doll falls even hour to avoid becoming attached to that particular disease germ.

SEEING THE WORLD ON ONE CENT EASY

Two Little Girls Found Transportation Scandalously High, so They Didn't Pay.

LODGING NOT A PROBLEM

Lost Little Ones Picked Up Asleep by Big Policeman and Then All Was Well.

Natalia Nosta, who is 4½ years old, and her best friend, Mary Donela, who is 6, live at 134 Ridge street, and that is in the heart of the lower East Side and most persons find the neighborhood sufficiently exciting. Natalia and Mary have often conspired to go out and see the world together as soon as either of them came into the possession of one cent, the necessary capital if one is to do much travelling.

As the fathers of both of them have been out of work for a long time, it wasn't so easy to accumulate the cent, but on Sunday afternoon when the children were walking home from the parochial school of the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows Natalia Nosta, told her father that she had it. She had found the coin on the curb of the sidewalk in East Houston street, and as it was near the pushcart or stand where the Yiddish papers are sold, she had belonged to the finder. However, as both little girls had been well reared in their faith the question arose in their minds as to whether or not to go to the church and put the cent in the poor box.

This was decided in the negative, as the older girl ruled that the poor have always with us, and that in a lifetime could one have the opportunity of thoroughly exploring New York city. So after supper, while they were playing outside their tenement house, they managed to get the cent, and they went away until they were quite out of call from Ridge street and were, indeed, as far south as Delancey street. A street car came along and as it promised to take them quite a way into the city, they boarded without looking at the sign. The conductor asked for the fare, Natalia Nosta produced her one cent piece. The conductor brook the stunning news that a cent was required. He was about to pull the cord and put them off when something in the faces of the children caused him to ask them where they lived. They pointed eagerly in the direction of the car, and he said, "Over that way." The conductor pretended to scowl, but let them stay on. Pretty soon the car was crossing a bridge over a river, and the children were looking at the lights on either side reflected in the water. Then it came to streets and houses again, and in a street where there seemed to be plenty of children, Natalia Nosta and Mary Donela slipped quietly off when the conductor was looking the other way and the car went on without them. They asked somebody where they were and learned that it was Williamsburg, and, of course, it was fine to know that their exploration had been so successful that they had passed clear through the great city of New York and had come to quite another city.

The only trouble was that in a short time the children of this new city disappeared and went to bed. This happened in these parts, and then the pilgrims from Manhattan felt lonely indeed. At 1 o'clock yesterday morning a plain clothes policeman from the Herbert street station found two little girls asleep in a rooming house, between Leonard and Devoe streets, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, with their arms wrapped so tightly around each other that they were unable to get up. They were fed and then they played in a truly wonderful nursery until their exceedingly puzzled Polish fathers came to take them home. The mature Mary Donela was able to offer a fairly adequate narrative, but all that Natalia Nosta could tell her mother when that rejoicing woman drew her close was that she had been in a place where there was a wooden horse and they have her a bowl of soup.

JUDGE W. S. ANDREWS PLEASED AT ELECTION

Says it Shows Resolve for Independent Judiciary.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. SYRACUSE, Nov. 14.—Judge William S. Andrews, elected an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, to-day called the result of the election the registration of a resolve by the people that the judiciary of the State should remain independent. He said: "I am greatly pleased at the result of the election and wish to express my thanks to the voters of the State. "I cannot forget the support given me by the press, Republican and Democratic, as well as Republican and by men and women of all parties. Many of my friends also did a great amount of work to secure my success and exercised great influence in my favor. "Yet the result had nothing personal about it. It simply registered the resolve of the people that the judiciary should remain independent—that no Judge should be punished because it became his duty to write an opinion sure to disappoint many. It showed, too, that the ex-service men joined in the resolve."

MRS. GEORGE J. GOULD'S BODY TO ARRIVE TO-DAY

Family at Town House for Funeral To-morrow.

George J. Gould, accompanied by various members of his family, who were called to Lakewood on Sunday by the sudden death of Mrs. Gould, reached New York yesterday afternoon. With Mr. Gould here are Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll L. Wainwright, Miss Gloria Gould and Miss Carrie Curtis, a cousin of Mrs. Gould, who for many years has been a member of the household. Kingston and Jay Gould returned to their respective homes. Many letters and telegrams of condolence were received at the Gould home, 327 Fifth avenue, and at Georgetown, where Mrs. Gould's body was taken immediately after her sudden death. There will be a private funeral to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Fifth avenue house. Her body probably will arrive from Lakewood to-day. A cable despatch was received at the Gould home from Lady Decies, in London, saying she would sail for New York at the earliest possible moment. She did not say on what steamship she expected to leave. No word was received from Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., who also is in Europe.

WANTS TO REASSUME HIS CIVIL WAR NAME

Served as 'Mattes Green' and Wants to Bear It Legally.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. MANHATTAN, N. Y., Nov. 14.—Robert H. Ludlow Livingston, an inmate of Orange Farm Almshouse, and who is nearly 92, appeared before County Judge Wiggins in court at Gothen to-day, asking that his name be changed to "Mattes Green," the name by which he went in the civil war when he enlisted and served on the U. S. S. Portsmouth as quartermaster, receiving an honorable discharge November 6, 1864. He says he enlisted under the name of Green because his relatives were prominent and had attempted to prevent him from serving if he had given his right name. He is now anxious to be able to bear legally the name he took then and die under that name. Judge Wiggins directed him to see a lawyer.

WATER PENALTY IS DENIED.

Justice John MacCrone of the Supreme Court in Queens handed down a decision yesterday refusing to permit the Queens County Water Company to charge its patrons 5 per cent. on water bills due more than thirty days and 10 per cent. on bills due more than six months. Justice MacCrone required the company to prove that the money involved in the penalty was necessary to keep the company out of financial difficulties.

MYSTERY WOMAN'S ARREST DEMANDED

Mrs. L. Allen of Newark Gone From Detroit Hotel After Buying House.

JERSEY HOME IN DANGER

Known as Mrs. Z. E. Flagler. She Is Linked to Swindle Involving \$20,000.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. DETROIT, Nov. 14.—Police of Detroit and Bay City are looking for Mrs. L. Allen, a woman about 40, who disappeared from the Cadillac Hotel two weeks ago, leaving behind a private secretary, a caretaker of her newly purchased home and bags filled with expensive clothing. Detectives believe she either has met foul play because of her free display of money or else she is ill somewhere and unable to notify her friends. Mrs. Allen, who comes from Newark, said Mr. Schantz, general manager of the hotel, that she was going to Bay City for a few days, and that she would leave her secretary, a Miss Grove, in charge of her possessions. When Mrs. Allen did not arrive several days after the time set Mr. Schantz called George Howe, Bay City, a brother of the missing woman. He said he had no trace of his sister. "Some man called here for some mail of hers and said she was in Detroit," Howe told the hotel manager.

WARRANT OUT FOR HER.

The next day Mr. Schantz received a letter from Mrs. Allen saying she would return to the hotel last Thursday. She did not appear, and Mr. Schantz swore to a warrant charging her with failure to pay a hotel bill of several hundred dollars. "I am not anxious to prosecute her," said Mr. Schantz. "I swore to the warrant in an attempt to find out something about her. She appeared to be a woman of wealth and manners. She conducted herself in an admirable fashion. But I think I think this course is the best to get some trace of her." Investigation in New Jersey showed that a notice had just been started against Mrs. Allen—in whose possessions was found information that her name was Mrs. Zora Emma Howe Johnson—to foreclose on a mortgage she had on property in New Jersey.

Mrs. Flagler in Bay City.

Mrs. Zora Emma Howe Johnson, or Flagler, has a fine home in Newark at 12 Walnut street, a three story house, unusually well furnished. The police said they knew nothing of her being mysteriously missing. At the house a man who said he was John Johnson, a caretaker, declared "Mrs. Flagler" had visited her sister, Mrs. Lydia Allen, and was expected to start home yesterday. Police records at the time she was convicted, in October, 1915, and sentenced to three to nine years' imprisonment for Judge Miquelen in General Sessions, indicated her real name was Johnson and that her husband's name was John. She was said to have made \$30,000 in swindling transactions by posing as the widow of Henry M. Flagler. The Newark police said she had been under arrest recently at Washington. Mrs. Johnson was a cook in Painesville, Ohio, at one stage in her career. Cashing bad checks was one of her specialties, the police records show.

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ELECTRIC SHIP LAUNCHED.

Mrs. George L. Dearborn Christens the 10,000 Ton Californian. CHESTER, Pa., Nov. 14.—The twin screw electrically driven motorship Californian was launched today from the yards of the Merchant Shipbuilding Corp. The craft was sponsored by Mrs. George S. Dearborn of New York, widow of a former president of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Lines, for which the 10,000 ton cargo carrier was built. The ship was christened with a flask of old California wine. The Californian is of a new type, being of all steel construction, even to its masts and booms.

ENRIGHT TO BE BACK TO-DAY.

Capt. "Honest Dan" Costigan's application for retirement from the police force is lying on the desk of Police Commissioner Enright, awaiting his return from an out of town trip. The Commissioner is expected back to-day. Capt. Costigan sent his application to headquarters Saturday.

THIRD ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the NEW SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

Commencing November Fifteenth Paul Bartlett, Chester Beach, Clifford Beal, Reynolds Beal, George Bellows, A. Stirling Calder, Robert Clark, Timothy Cole, Paul Dougherty, Hunt Diederich, Guy Pene du Bois, Randall Davy, John Flanagan, James Earle Fraser, Frederick C. Frieseke, William J. Glackens, Charles Grafly, Walter Griffin, Samuel Halpert, Child Hassam, Robert Henri, Rockwell Kent, Leon Kroll, Gaston Lachaise, Albert Laeale, Hayley Lever, Ernest Lawson, Jonas Lie, George Luks, Henry L. McFee, Carl Meltzer, A. Jerome Myers, Dodge Macknight, Paul Manshaw, Elie Nadelman, Andrew O'Connor, Joseph Pennell, Van D. Perrine, Maurice B. Prendergast, Edmund J. Quinn, Leon Kroll, Boardman Robinson, F. G. R. Roth, John Sloan, Elmer Schofield, Eugene Speicher, Maurice Stern, Albert Stern, Edmund C. Tarbell, Irving R. Wiley, Gertrude V. Whitney, Mahorri Young

WOMAN ROBBED OF \$20,000. Valuables Taken From Apartment in Hotel. TENNE HADDE, Nov. 14.—Diamonds and other gems valued at \$20,000 were stolen from Mrs. W. A. Rayfield, wife of a hotel proprietor, from a locker between Friday and Sunday evening. Mrs. Rayfield had been visiting in Indianapolis and on her return found the collection missing from a dresser in her apartment in the hotel. FAIL TO FIND HENRY NORTON. Staten Island, Astoria and Forest Hills were visited yesterday in the search for Henry L. Norton, 440 former treasurer of the Jamaica Water Supply Company, who disappeared last Tuesday from Dr. Ross's manitarium in Brentwood. Ralph Charles Cary Ramsey, son of the missing man, have offered a reward of \$100 for information that will help the search.

LOUIS BERG Riding Habits \$125 upward 745 FIFTH AVENUE