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HEARST'S WHEELER
THIEVES BARED
IN N. Y. WEEKLY

Collier's Exposes Inside History of Standard Oil Missives Used by Journalist

Files From Archbold's Office Stolen by Negro Clerk Nearly Three Years Ago

Originals Photographed and Returned to Cases at 26 Broadway

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Under the headline "Mr. Hearst's Thieves" there will be published in Collier's Weekly, out tomorrow, what purports to be the true story of the manner in which the founder of the independence league obtained the John D. Archbold Standard oil letters which have figured so prominently in the presidential campaign. The editor of Collier's describes the article as "the story of a white man who crossed the color line and his negro friend, the stepson of John D. Archbold, the aged butler; how they sold the Standard oil office files to the Hearst newspapers for a trifle over \$12,000."

"It was Willie Winfield and Charles Stump," says Collier, "who sold the letters." Winfield, a negro, was file clerk, a messenger and door tender of Archbold until 1905. He is the stepson of Archbold's trusted and now aged negro butler.

"Soon after the presidential election of 1904 Stump became a familiar figure at night in the editorial rooms of Hearst's New York newspapers."

NOTICED REMARKABLE PALLOR

Some of those who observed him thought him consumptive because of his remarkable pallor. He wore a fringe overcoat and a hat of the most self-assurance. He had many whispered conferences, calling two or three times a week for many weeks. It is hard to remember back three years in a Hearst office so much as in the air there all the time—from ideas to tissue manifold paper, but to those who escaped from the maelstrom with their brains least impaired it seems now quite certain that he was engaged in the early December until the middle of February. Along toward the end of his visits Stump became generally known to managing editors and other authorities of the office, including, of course, the office boys, whom he scorned, as "the man with the Standard oil letters." It was known that the two high officials in the Hearst office, Stump and a photographer, met in a private room in the newspaper. A safe in the office became known as the "safe with the negatives of Standard oil letters in it." When news was dull and the editorial column was colorfully bawling the fact, it was common to see one editor or another to sigh, "Wish the boss would let us into those Standard oil negatives in the safe."

"Early in 1905 Mr. Archbold discovered the theft, and Willie Stump was discharged. They had cleaned up a little over \$12,000 by the series of transactions in Park Row, and a small part of this they invested in the saloon at the southeast corner of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street and Seventh avenue. The rest they dropped in poolrooms, etc."

STUMP TELLS STORY

"Concerning the letters, Stump says: 'We were stirred up the campaign for fair. I wrote a letter to Mr. Hearst when he began reading the Archbold letters, saying that, considering the sensation they were making, he ought to send me a little money. There's no use trying to see him. You can't get through the office either, but no money has come from that letter.' 'And yet, do you know, Mr. Hearst hasn't begun to read the best of the letters. He's beginning easy. Wait till you hear him read the Senator Penrose case in the Hearst letters. Then there'll be a sensation. What's happening now is nothing. He hasn't the originals, you know. They were returned to the Standard oil files. Photographic copies were made, and these are the ones Hearst is using. He hasn't the originals, except a few Hanna letters, which may not come out at all. After the photographed copies of the letters were sold to the Hearst people some of the letters were returned to Mr. Archbold by a friend of mine (Stump) gave him the name, who has here suppressed because he is living honestly.' Mr. Archbold had offered us \$1,000, but he didn't pay it after he got his hands on the letters."

"We knew it was too much risk to steal the originals and then keep them. Archbold would be sure to ask some day for some one of them, so we had to photograph them and then return them. 'Willie fetched the stuff to me, but he never showed up at the Hearst office at all. They've now laid eyes on him. It's me that stands to lose on any publicity. Willie has nothing to lose. He's got his Tarrytown home. He's fixed, living there with his stepfather, who has the job with Archbold.'"

MANY VICTIMS OF FOREST FIRES

ALPENA, Mich., Oct. 15.—The certified death list resulting from the forest fire in Presque Isle, Mich., with several persons still reported missing and a probability of severe loss of life in the northern part of Pulaski and Krakow townships in Presque Isle county. At least 60 persons are living near the shore of Lake Huron in the northern half of Pulaski and Krakow townships, and nothing has been heard of them since the fire.

TORNADO KILLS TWO

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 19.—Two persons were killed and 23 others more or less seriously injured as the result of a small tornado blowing the cabins of a Union Pacific worktrain down a three foot embankment near Sherman, 30 miles west of here, this evening.

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EVERY elector who fails to vote for Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 3 casts a vote for boss rule and against direct primaries. The direct primary amendment will be at the top of the last column on the general election ballot. Do not leave the booth on November 3 until you have voted for Assembly Amendment No. 3.

IMPROVEMENT CLUB MEMBER TELLS SUPERVISORS HIS PEOPLE ARE TOO PATRIOTIC TO YIELD

United Railroads Offers \$2,000 Yearly for Permanent Sutter Trolley Permit

Compte and McAllister Move Acceptance, but Proposition Is Quickly Voted Down

"We have enough American blood in our veins and enough of American principles in our hearts to oppose this Sutter street grant utterly," said O. L. Stott of the Richmond improvement club to the board of supervisors yesterday. "The United Railroads have tried to bully the people into coming before you and begging you to grant it this, privilege. If we should yield and acquiesce in letting this valuable permit go to the company for little or nothing tomorrow it would begin again on some other scheme in the same old, bulldozing way."

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DIVE MEN OFFICIALS FOR COOK

Keepers of Infamous Dancehall Attaches in Court of "Vice Magistrate"

Direct Barbary Coast Campaign of "Judge" Who Stands on "Record"

Jurist Who Would Return to Bench Associate of Grafters and Social Outcasts

Denizens of Underworld Work to Re-elect Official Who Will Protect Them

The employment of Barbary coast dive keepers as officers of his court and as associate campaign managers is one phase of the judicial "record" on which Carroll Cook "stands," but it is a phase which he has seen fit not to discuss with the voters whom he asks to retain him in the office he has degraded and disgraced.

"Joe" Stevens, stenographer in Carroll Cook's court, is one of the proprietors of the "Dash," 574 Pacific street, one of the vilest saloons and dance halls ever maintained in San Francisco. Associated with him in the management of the "Dash" and of Carroll Cook's campaign on the Barbary coast are Jim Stevens, clerk in Carroll Cook's court, and Billy Harrington, notorious dive keepers related to the Stevens by marriage and to Cook by natural affiliation.

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O. M. Hartzell, Millionaire Steel Magnate, Grieves Over Wife's Death and Kills Himself

Strong action to defeat the street grab contemplated in John J. Egan's 240 mile railway franchise proposition, illegally put on the ballot of the November 3 election, was taken yesterday at the meeting of the board of supervisors.

Mayor Taylor declared the election commission should never have inserted the franchise proposition on the ballot. The board passed a resolution informing the people of the immensely valuable character of the rights sought to be obtained and of the fact that Egan proposed only the minimum charter percentage payments to the city, and calling upon the voters to show under the grab at the polls.

Egan was granted the floor and he sought the board not to condemn his project before the people. Questioned as to his intentions and backing, he disclaimed any United Railroads affiliation and would only say his backers "represented eastern capital."

A large, vague and expansive affair, this eastern capital, said Pollok, but Egan refused any more specific information. He declined after the session to give his residence address and stated that he "had no business address."

Whereas, it has come to the notice of this board that a petition has been filed with the election commissioners to have placed upon the official ballot at the coming election an ordinance granting to one John Egan numerous street railway franchises, and Whereas, the said proposed ordinance provides that only the municipal percentage of the gross earnings prescribed by the charter shall be paid to the city for said franchises; and Whereas, the said franchises are of great value, and if competitive bidding therefor were permitted a much larger return to the city would be realized; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that this board urge upon all electors in the city to vote against the proposed ordinance for the reason that the same, if legal, will deprive the city of valuable rights without adequate return.

FIVE DIE IN FIRE

FOUR DIE IN TORNADO