# "FIT FIREMEN" ADVOCATES ARE ROUTED BY ROLPH

## Mayor Tells Business Men in Delegations Politicians Are "Pulling Wool Over Their Eyes"

## EXECUTIVE FIRM TO ABOLISH TEST

## Warns Visitors They Innocently Are Aiding Schemers in Department

Charges that politics is being played in the fire department with the object of preventing Battalion Chiefs James Radford and J. J. Conlon from obtaining promotion to assistant chiefships, came as a warm climax to what began as a friendly discussion in Mayor Rolph's office yesterday between representatives of the Downtown association, Chamber of Commerce, the fire commission and the civil service board.

Civil Service Commissioner Brady directly accused President Walcott of the same commission of playing into the hands of Fire Chief Murphy, and Mayor Rolph told the members of the civic organizations that they had innocently stepped into a political wrangle and were having the wool pulled over their eyes.

The question at issue was whether the battalion chiefs should be required to undergo physical tests in examinations for promotion to assistant chiefs. Civil Service Commissioners Matthew Brady and B. B. Rosenthal have already voted to eliminate the physical tests. Commissioner Walcott took the opposite view.

**ROLPH DEFENDS STAND**

Mayor Rolph had previously declared himself in favor of the majority. He maintained the same stand, despite the fact that the delegations upheld Commissioner Walcott, and argued that the physical condition of an assistant chief was an important attribute of efficiency.

William H. Hammer, president of the fire commission and a Rolph appointee, also opposed the stand taken by the mayor.

Addressing the large delegations, Mayor Rolph said:

"This matter belongs in the hands of the civil service commission. By coming here at this time I think you are doing more, unknowingly, to play politics in the fire department than to eliminate it.

"There is some attempt to defeat one or two men for promotion. About 95 per cent of the fire department is inharmonious on this question of civil service. Underneath this whole question lies the plan to prevent Radford and Conlon from obtaining the chance to gain promotion as a just reward for long service.

**"WOOL OVER YOUR EYES"**

"Innocently you are getting some wool pulled over your eyes. You do not realize what politics is being played in the fire department, and in some other municipal departments as well. You gentlemen don't know how much harm you are doing—hurting harmony.

"You ask me to turn down the majority of the civil service commission. In order to make myself perfectly clear and to leave no doubt as to my position in this matter, I wish to say that I think the majority of the commission is right."

The decision of Mayor Rolph to uphold the civil service commission practically ended the argument, which had progressed without hope of agreement for three hours.

Civil Service Commissioner Brady, toward the end of the discussion, hurled a bombshell at Walcott.

**WALCOTT DENIES CHARGE**

"Chief Murphy," he said, "although chief of the department, has only the standing of captain. Mr. Walcott, at a meeting of our board, attempted to put through a resolution making captains eligible for the examinations for assistant chiefs. In my opinion this was done simply to give Chief Murphy a chance to get a civil service standing befitting his present rank. Is not that true, Mr. Walcott?"

"No, it is not," snapped back Walcott.

"Do you mean to say you did not put such a resolution?" retorted Brady.

"I did," said Walcott, "but not for any such purpose as you indicate. It was proposed for the good of the department, the point being that there are but 13 battalion chiefs. If the examination were opened to captains the city would have the advantage of a far greater field to choose from."

**POLITICS IS NEWS TO THEM**

Representatives of the organizations explained that the political phase of the proposition was all news to them. They simply took the stand that physical tests should be made a part of any examination for promotion, declaring that in the event of a great conflagration the assistant chiefs would be called upon to endure severe hardships, and that even in the ordinary course of their duties the assistants should be able if necessary to enter a burning building, remain on duty 48 hours or more and generally stand up under exposure and physical strain.

Among those who took a leading part in the argument were Allan G. Wright, George C. Boardman and Adolph Uhl of the Chamber of Commerce and Vincent Whitney, Edgar Peixotto, Tom Dillon, Mr. Katschinski of the Philadelphia Shoe company, Mr. Turner of Hastings Clothing company and W. D. Fennimore, representing the Downtown association.

## BOON NOT WILLING TO SUPPORT WILEY CRIST

**Prominent Member of Recall League Resigns as a Member of the Executive Board**

Declaring that he is not willing to support Wiley F. Crist as the recall candidate for Police Judge Weller, William Boon, prominently identified with the Weller Recall league, yesterday tendered his resignation as a member of the executive board of that organization. In doing so Mr. Boon declares "it is because of lack of confidence in the sincerity and integrity of Mr. Crist."

A series of neighborhood meetings in the homes of various members of the Recall league has been arranged for by the executive board as part of the campaign. Each woman at whose home a gathering will be held will invite all her neighbors. Speakers will be provided by the league.

Following are the names and places of meetings:

Mrs. R. S. Thompson, 2904 Jackson street, Thursday evening, March 13; Mrs. Burns Macdonald, 2008 Lyons street, Tuesday evening, March 18; Miss Helen Todd, 30 Florence place, Saturday evening, March 15; Mrs. Osman Reichel, 804 Stanyan street; Mrs. John Ballsrd, 1917 Baker street, Monday evening, March 17; Mrs. Hampton S. Field, 2131 Lyon street, Mrs. J. A. McLaren, 221 Noe street, Wednesday evening, March 19.

# 'The Concert' Is Clever Plot False; Ethics Bad

## Comedy at Columbia Is Funny for the Unthinking

By WALTER ANTHONY

There are many clever things that almost anybody might say about "The Concert," which was played at the Columbia theater last night. The difficulty is to tell the truth about it.

For one thing "The Concert" is very improper. Its impropriety arises mainly from the fact that it suggests a musical entertainment but intrudes a problem.

"The Concert" suggests, but does not excite.

It has been expurgated.

Edgar Allan Poe wrote a short story which he called, lacking imagination, as Wordsworth would say, "The Assignation."

The comedy at the Columbia needs the name.

The problem in "The Concert" issues from the plot as naturally as an interrogation point rises out of a question.

**HERE IS THE QUESTION**

But the question is not a pretty decoration like a feather on a lady's hat.

It is awkward.

This is the question:

Would a temperamental musician be happier with another man's wife than with his own?

Of course that depends.

In the case of "The Concert" it depends on a game of chess, which is played in the second act, just when the audience thinks that all the lights on the stage are going out. At that juncture the wizardry of Belasco steps in and moonlight floods the room, so that you see the game of chess and the players—the defaulting husband and his devoted wife.

At the end of the game, it is perfectly clear that the wife of the musician is the only wife for him, and 10 years of infidelity are supposed to be forgotten when the lights play on the table and Arany says to Mrs. Arany something to the effect that she is a mighty clever woman.

**WHAT MIGHT BE THOUGHT**

Perhaps the auditor, looking the couple over, thinks that if Mrs. Arany, wife of the musician, really were clever, she would elope with the husband of the lady who eloped with her husband, but if she did, the play would be diverted into drama and would cease to be comedy, so the musician and his wife are reunited, the eloping frau and her spouse are reconciled before any harm is done—in the American version—and it is to be presumed that everybody lives happily ever afterward.

Personally, I think the plot is false, the ethics worse and the comedy only funny for those who do not think.

I do not deny that it is clever. Even a pickpocket may be that.

I do not believe that a play can be predicated on 10 years of infidelity.

A divorce suit can, but not a comedy; particularly when the wife is more charming than the latest candidate for adultery.

**REVISION GLOSSES SINS**

"The Concert" contemplates such a situation, and in the original German, I have no doubt, finishes the deed.

In the American version the latest evidence of the sins of Arbor Arany is hidden as carefully as though there were detectives peeking through keyholes.

Arany does not "fall," though he says he has entertained many pupils in his bungalow before during a period of more than 10 years, while he has been growing old.

Leo Ditrichstein, as the musician, Arany, who is bothered by his fascinations for the fair, and who has a hard time reinstating himself in the graces of his own family, is a splendid actor—one of the best we have seen here in many seasons.

"Principal in his support is Isabel Irving, who, as the wife of the "temperamental" musician, is almost as effective as she was in Percy Mackay's "Mater."

The second "lead" is in the hands of Nye Chart, who, I do not think, in spite of advices to the contrary, was in that important role when "The Concert" was produced on Broadway.

The role calls for more dignity and strength that Chart brought to the characterization of Dr. Dallas whose wife ran away with a temperamental musician.

*Isabel Irving, who is effective as the musician's wife in "The Concert"*

## "HOUSE NEXT DOOR" FULL OF INTEREST

"The House Next Door," a comedy drama of real human interest throughout its three acts, was presented at the Alcazar last night by a splendid company. The cast in its entirety was pronounced one of the best that has been seen at the Alcazar in several seasons. Louis Bennison took the leading role of Sir John Cotswold, a part in which he scored a great success at the previous presentation of the play. Bennison's interpretation of a crabbed old man is true to life.

Will R. Walling, an old time favorite of San Francisco theater goers, took the part of Sir Isaac Jacobson, a Jew, who lives next door and who is the pet abomination of Sir John, a Christian.

The story of the play, into which but little comedy enters, centers about the relationship of the respective families of Cotswold and Jacobson, consisting of wife, son and daughter in each case. The young folk have been lovers since their childhood days, and while Sir John has grown poor and has fallen from his lofty estate, Sir Isaac, whose father was a tenant on the estate of Sir John's father, has acquired immense wealth.

Sir John's sole pride is his hatred of the Jewish race. He forbids his son and daughter to marry into the Hebrew family. Sir Isaac likewise forbids his children to marry other than those of their own race.

Sir Isaac has befriended Cecil, Sir John's son, a part taken with much effect by Edmond Lowe. Thomas Chatterton plays the part of Adrian, the son of Sir Isaac.

The closing scene is touching. Sir John, humbled by the kindness that the neighbor "next door," deserted by his children, who are in love with the children "next door," and deserted also by his wife, who realizes at last the injustice of the peer's hatred, wanders himself to the "house next door" and craves forgiveness from the man whom he had wronged. The end of the personal feud takes on a racial significance when Sir John shakes hands with Sir Isaac in the doorway of "the house next door."

**Slashed With a Dirk**—Vitall Monriszia, 1049 Montgomery street, was slashed across the face twice with a dirk by an unknown man early yesterday morning at Broadway and Montgomery streets.

**Philanthropist Steals Purse**—Miss Carrie Hansen, 1265 Sixth avenue, fell at the Coliseum Saturday night and hurt her knee. One of the bystanders who assisted her to her feet stole her purse containing $6.

### LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

**ASTORIA**, March 10.—Steamers St. Helens and Shasta arrived today from San Francisco to load lumber for return cargoes.

Steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived today from San Francisco and San Pedro with freight and passengers.

Schooner Geo. E. Billings has cleared for Sydney with a cargo of lumber.

Schooner Golden Shore has cleared for Tecopello, Chile, with a cargo of lumber.

Steamers Carlos and Paralso arrived today from San Francisco and will load lumber cargoes.

Tank steamer Oleum arrived today from San Francisco with a cargo of crude oil.

British steamer Crown Prince of Seville with a cargo for Manila is en route down the river.

British steamer Robert Dollar with cargo for China has been lying in the lower harbor for several days waiting for favorable conditions before crossing out. She will probably not get away before Tuesday.

During the month of February 33 vessels were loaded at the mills in the lower Columbia river district and their combined cargoes amounted to 31,407,272 feet of lumber. Of these vessels 28, carrying 24,825,272 feet of lumber, went to domestic ports, while five whose cargoes totaled 6,582,000 feet of lumber sailed for foreign points.

**ABERDEEN**, March 10.—Steamer Columbia departed this morning for San Francisco with passengers, lumber and miscellaneous freight. There were about 20 passengers. The Columbia took a miscellaneous cargo of cooperage stock, clams and salmon. She is due in San Francisco Thursday.

Schooner Ludlow, bound for Callao, is waiting a crew from Tacoma.

Schooner M. Turner is loading for the west coast.

Schooner R. C. Slade will finish loading a cargo today for Santa Rosalia.

Steamer Stanley Dollar arrived from San Francisco, and steamer Claremont departed for the same point.

Steamer Jason left today for Santa Rosalia.

Japanese tramp steamer Kenkeon Maru departed Saturday for the sound. A member of her crew, S. Monolo, was arrested for desertion by the Aberdeen police and turned over to the captain before the steamer's departure.

**PORTLAND**, March 10.—Tariff collections at the custom house in February net the treasury department $48,106.63, fees and other collections were $270.05, making a total for the month of $48,376.68. It is materially less than the monthly showings were when the Portland and Asiatic Steamship company was operating a direct line to the far east.

Bringing a cargo of more than 1,300 tons of cement and general freight, the Dodge steamer St. Helens, Captain Odland, arrived this afternoon from San Francisco.

Carrying passengers and general freight, steamer George W. Elder, Captain Paulsen, arrived this morning from San Diego, San Pedro and San Francisco.

**SEATTLE**, March 10.—Arrived—Steamers President, Humboldt and Captain A. F. Lucas, from San Francisco; U. S. S. Snohomish, from Neah bay.

Sailed—Steamer Mariposa, for southwestern Alaska; steamer Jefferson, for Skagway.

9:45 p. m., stmr Marshfield, Allen, 34 hours from Eureka; 400,000 feet lumber to Cottoneva Lumber company.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Arrived March 10—Stmr Victorian, from Liverpool.

### BY WIRELESS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.

**STEAMER W. S. PORTER**—8 p. m., passing San Francisco.

**STEAMER WATSON**—8 p. m., 15 miles north of Point Reyes.

**STEAMER LANSING**—9:30 p. m., left Port San Luis for Treadwell, Alaska.

**STEAMER HONOLULAN**—8 p. m., 408 miles out of San Francisco.

**STEAMER ATLAS**—8 p. m., 35 miles north of San Francisco.

**STEAMER ADMIRAL FARRAGUT**—8 p. m., off Point Cabrillo.

**STEAMER WASHTENAW**—8 p. m., 130 miles north of San Francisco.

**STEAMER GOVERNOR**—8 p. m., 15 miles north of Point Sur.

**STEAMER YOSEMITE**—8 p. m., 20 miles north of Point Arena.

**STEAMER NORTHLAND**—8 p. m., off Pigeon point.

**STEAMER YALE**—6:18 p. m., off Pigeon point.

**STEAMER CHANSLOR**—8 p. m., 204 miles north of Monterey.

**STEAMER CHATHAM**—6 p. m., 57 miles north of Cape Mendocino.

**STEAMER CENTRALIA**—5:30 p. m., 10 miles south of Pigeon point.

**STEAMER FALCON**—6 p. m., off Piedras Blancas.

### Memoranda

Per btkn S. N. Castle, from Honolulu—Feb. 22 sailed from Honolulu; had light southerly wind first seven days; March 1 had strong SE gale, shifting to SW; carried away two main gaffs and did slight deck damage.

LONDON, March 10.—Br stmr Bessie Dollar, from Karatsu, while entering Ostan on March 8 struck a submerged rock. Extent of damage, if any, unknown.

SEATTLE, March 10.—Sound stmr Puget broke rudder off Port Townsend this morning.

**Third Trial for Doctor Joslen**—April 14 was the date set by Superior Judge Lawlor yesterday for the beginning of the third trial of Dr. Otto C. Joslen, charged with the seduction of Ethel Williams. Judge Lawlor announced that the trial would start on that day without any further postponements.

**Of Interest to Miners**

Carlin, Nevada, can be reached via the Southern Pacific lines. See agents for details regarding rates, train service, etc.—Advt.

# PLUMS FALL FROM DEMOCRATIC TREE

## Postal Department Filled by Selection of Trio of Assistants

## Cabinet Members Select Newspaper Men for Secretaries

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Nominations sent to the senate today by President Wilson included:

First assistant postmaster general, Daniel C. Roper of South Carolina.

Third assistant postmaster general, Alexander M. Dockery of Missouri.

Fourth assistant postmaster general, James I. Blakeslee of Pennsylvania.

United States judge, district of Porto Rico, Peter J. Hamilton of Oklahoma.

Commissioner of labor statistics, Charles P. Neill of the district of Columbia.

**SUCCESSOR TO MARBLE**

In succession to John H. Marble, confirmed today as interstate commerce commissioner, the commission appointed George B. McGinty secretary and Alfred H. Holmead as assistant secretary. Mr. McGinty was assistant secretary and Mr. Holmead chief of the docket division.

E. B. Smith of Texas, for 25 years a well known Washington and Baltimore newspaper man, was appointed today confidential clerk to Postmaster General Burleson.

Byron R. Newton of New York, formerly of the New York Herald, was today appointed private secretary to Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department.

**NEGRO ATTORNEY RESIGNS**

William H. Lewis, a negro lawyer, of Boston, whose appointment by Mr. Taft as an assistant attorney general raised a row in official circles, which was followed by a sensational contest over Lewis' membership in the American Bar association, resigned today. It has not been decided whether a successor will be appointed.

It is expected that the nomination of State Senator F. D. Roosevelt of New York to be assistant secretary of the navy, to succeed Beekman Winthrop, will be sent to the senate tomorrow.

Dr. Beverly T. Galloway, chief of the bureau of plant industry, was persistently mentioned today as candidate for assistant secretary of the department of agriculture. Doctor Galloway has been in the department more than 25 years. It was said his nomination probably will go to the senate tomorrow.

**BRANDEIS SEES WILSON**

Louis D. Brandeis of Boston, who was frequently mentioned for a post in the Wilson cabinet, had a long conference with the president at the White House tonight.

Mr. Brandeis declined to discuss his visit. It was learned definitely tonight, however, that he will not be associated in any official connection with the administration, but will be consulted frequently when anti-trust reform is undertaken.

**PRESIDENT PUSHES BUTTON**

President Wilson touched a button at the White House at 9 o'clock tonight that opened the Breeders' and Feeders' convention and horse show at Fort Worth, Tex. The only persons present were the telegraph operators and several attaches of the White House. Later the president, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and the Misses Wilson, attended a theater.

## GUNBOAT AT SAN DOMINGO

**Petrel Arrives in Port to Protect American Interests**

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The gunboat Petrel has arrived at San Domingo City, capital of the Dominican republic, for the protection of American interests. No official word of the reported resignation and flight of Archbishop Nouel, provisional president of the republic, has been received here.

# OLD HENS DIDN'T SUIT CAPITAL MOB

## Miss Richards Tells Committee Crowd Yelled: "We Came to See Chickens"

## Marcher Avers Police Did Nothing to Halt Jeers and Interference

WASHINGTON, March 10.—With a long list of witnesses still to be called, the senate subcommittee today resumed its investigation of the disorder which attended the parade of women suffragettes here last Monday. The large committee room again was crowded with spectators, principally women.

Miss Janet E. Richards, who marched in the first section of the parade, declared "most of the policemen were standing idly around in the crowd, and seemed in sympathy with the mob's spirit."

"How was this mob's spirit evidenced?" asked Senator Chamberlain.

"By the hooting and jeering and yelling of the crowd," replied Miss Richards. "All along the line men in the crowd shouted 'these are nothing but hens, we came out to see chickens.'"

Police Chief Sylvester furnished a statement to show he had 575 officers on duty for the suffrage parade and 367 for the inaugural parade the day following. There were no disorders March 4.

"What were your feelings about this parade?" asked Chairman Jones of Chief Sylvester.

"I was always friendly to it. I never opposed it—I was in sympathy with the plan," replied Sylvester.

He denied indignantly that he had ever said or done anything that would have given the "men lower down" the idea that the orders for protecting the parade were not to be taken seriously.

"I gave no such intimation," he said, "and I am sure that no man on the force had that idea. Any such statement is absolutely false."

## LOS ANGELES MOVE TO DISBAR DARROW

**Lawyers' Association to Consider Question Suggested by District Attorney Fredericks**

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—Henry J. Stevens, president of the Los Angeles Bar association, announced today that at the next meeting of the trustees of that body the question of disbarring Clarence S. Darrow would be considered. The meeting will be held within two weeks.

Disbarment of Darrow was suggested Saturday by John D. Fredericks, district attorney, immediately after the jury in the second trial on a jury bribery charge failed to agree and was discharged.

Fredericks declared that during his second trial Darrow had made sufficient admissions as to his conduct of the McNamara case, especially in regard to having offered Guy Biddinger, a detective, $700 for information concerning the movements of the prosecution, to constitute grounds for disbarment.

## FRANK McKEVITT RESIGNS POST WITH DISTRIBUTERS

**C. E. Verden of Los Angeles Will Succeed Him as Secretary and Manager of Fruit Concern**

SACRAMENTO, March 10.—Frank B. McKevitt, for four years secretary and manager of the California Fruit Distributers, today resigned his position with that organization.

In his letter of resignation to the directors McKevitt said his action was taken because of differences existing between a local firm of fruit dealers and the distributers.

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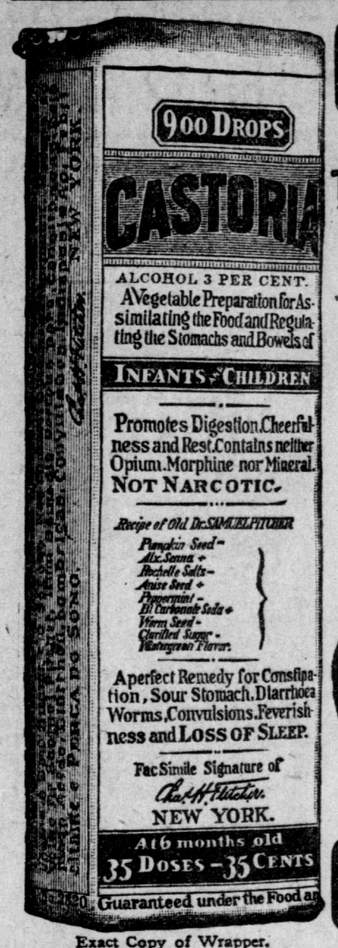


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