LEAGUE OF NATIONS DEAD, SAYS HARDING

Weather
Tonight and Wednesday, rain; strong southerly gales.
Temperature Last 24 Hours
Maximum, 59. Minimum, 47.
Today noon, 49.

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FUGITIVE SIX YEARS CAUGHT!

Our Pet Peeves:

Theatre Pests.
Revealing the Plot.
Reading Sub-Titles.
Bored Young Ladies.

This is the twenty-fifth of a series of articles in which members of The Star staff tell what displeases them most, and why.

BY TOM OLSEN

I WISH I were a gifted artist like Condo, who expresses his peeves every night in The Star in the form of the famous Everett True cartoons.

I would draw something about my pet peeve, the "theatre pests."

If you do not go to the theatres, you may not understand my pet peeve. But if you are a patron of any of our local playhouses, chances are that you've had the same experiences I have.

How often have I had a perfectly good movie spoiled by someone sitting behind me or within shouting distance of me, who has seen that particular picture before, and who, in a loud voice, explains to his or her companion the plot a few hundred feet in advance of the film that is being flashed upon the screen. They are just one of a flock of my "theatre pests."

Then there's the person who reads the sub-titles aloud. It wouldn't be quite so bad if he read them in a moderate tone of voice, but he doesn't.

Another type is the sentimental young lady who spends nearly all her spare money on picture shows and picture magazines. Thru these picture magazines she is right up on the life story of the stars, written by the stars' publicity agents who, probably, have never seen the "golden-haired, dark-eyed, enchanting beauty" that they are paid to write about. Such runs their conversation: "Oh, there's Connie Talmadge! She's married to a Greek coffee merchant. She 'n' Dot Gish had a double weddin' at Greenwich, Conn., last month. Dot and Connie's been chums since they was little girls. Dot's married to Jimmie Rennie, her leading man. When Dot first saw Jimmie she said—"

Then there are the sophisticated damsels that are so bored with the show. You often hear and see them at the vaudeville houses. It's entirely out of the question for them to raise their hands to applaud the actors, who, in most cases, work hard to win the applause of the audience. Now, when they were in Noo Yawk, they saw Marilyn Miller, Pat Rooney, Frisco, Florence O'Denishawn and other great stars. Oh, dear, how these vaudeville people bore one!

After listeping to them a few minutes you wish they were still in Noo Yawk.

I can't think of any more real "theatre pests" now, but I guess those that I've named are the most noticeable ones belonging under the head of my pet peeve.

2 Racing Pigeons Arrive at Oakland

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Two of the pigeons which left Portland yesterday to race with an airplane to San Francisco, arrived this morning.

"U. S. S. California" arrived at Oakland at 10:59 a. m. and "Secretary Denby" reached San Leandro at 11:15 a. m.

Urge California to Get Power Sites

CAPITOL, SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 12.—Urging that the state of California be put in the running with private power companies, the assembly irrigation committee early today passed a resolution calling upon Governor Stephens to immediately file on available power sites in the Sierras.

One Killed; 8 Hurt in Boiler Blowup

AKRON, O., April 12.—One person was killed and eight injured in an explosion at the Miller Rubber Co. today.

A boiler exploded in the power house at the rear of the main building, caving in the entire structure. All the ambulances in the city were called to the plant, and the list of casualties is expected to be increased as relief workers search the wreckage.

LEAPED OUT OF WINDOW FROM TRAIN

Long Pursuit Ends in Oklahoma; Will Probably Be Deported

A fugitive from justice for more than six years, following his escape from a train at Attalia, Wash., while being transported to San Francisco for deportation, James McGregor, a British subject, has been captured and is held at Tecumseh, Okla., Tuesday, according to word received by John H. Sargent, acting commissioner of immigration.

McGregor's escape was a sensational one. With Alexander Stewart, another prisoner, McGregor was being taken from Walla Walla to San Francisco by Edward L. Wells, immigration inspector.

As the train passed thru Attalia, Wash., McGregor went into the lavatory. Wells followed. McGregor slammed the door in his face and leaped out the window.

The guard got off at Pasco, but no trace of the escaped prisoner was found until the word of his arrest reached Seattle last night.

McGregor was first brought to the attention of local immigration authorities eight years ago. He was then serving a term in Monroe reformatory for burglary. Previous to that his record showed a term in Canada. McGregor was transferred to the Walla Walla penitentiary, and it was while being taken to San Francisco for deportation that he leaped from the train at Attalia.

In 1915, McGregor was picked up in Tacoma, where he was pretending to be deaf and dumb. Looking up his record, it was found that in the meantime he had served two more terms in Canadian prisons. A new warrant for his deportation to Australia was secured, and McGregor was turned over to the San Francisco immigration office.

Whether McGregor was deported and returned to the United States, or whether he made another escape and remained in this country, is not known in Seattle.

Disposition of the case is in the hands of the department of labor at Washington. In the meantime he is held by the sheriff at Tecumseh.

Pumping Is Begun in British Mines

BY ED L. KEEN

LONDON, April 12.—The question of a general strike was in the hands of a small group of miners and colliery owners today, as they conferred to settle wage disputes.

Premier Lloyd George conferred separately with the two delagations.

The mining regions were quiet today, with pumping of flooded levels proceeding. The government continued its preparations for meeting an emergency, the latest announcement being that 300,000 more men will be required for the army. Air and sea forces also will be strengthened.

Seattle Girl Tries to Buy Off Wife?

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Letters from Miss F. A. Duffy, Fourth ave., Seattle, used by Mrs. Eva Fay Isbell to get a divorce here, contained an offer from Miss Duffy, it was learned today, to support Mrs. Isbell and her daughter in luxury the rest of their lives if Mrs. Isbell would give up her husband, Phillip C. Isbell.

One letter contained a check signed by Miss Duffy and sent as earnest money to bind the bargain, it is said. Mrs. Isbell testified that she returned the check uncashed, spurning the offer.

The name of Miss F. A. Duffy does not appear in the Seattle city directors.

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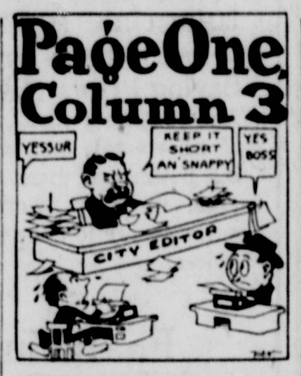

Call for umbrellas.

But it's a pleasant rain.

And not unwelcome to the backyard gardener.

Frost elsewhere, but warm weather for Seattle.

It's still kindness first week for man's dumb friends.

Can a tom cat be called dumb on a warm summer night?

Masons break ground for new temple at Alderwood Manor.

Bon Marche. Tuesday noon. Carl Croson addresses Ad club.

R. L. Jones pays $100 fine for having liquor in his possession.

Take pledges in Phi Beta Kappa fraternity; 26 U. of W. studes.

Railway offices move. Pennsylvania system. Now at 210-212 Leary bldg.

Samuel Geskowitz becomes Samuel Geskow by action of superior court.

New trial granted Verner Linquist, convicted in federal court. Booze charges.

Seattle Florists' association. Banquet. New Washington. 8 p. m. Tuesday.

Transferred to Spokane. D. Lyle Davis, cashier Seattle branch federal reserve bank.

Justice of the Peace C. C. Dalton fines Arthur Trigg $100 for giving away a drink.

Seattle realtors to meet; Wednesday noon; Pig'n Whistle. Speaker, Kenneth C. Kerr.

Recovering from operation. J. D. Butler, president Heybrook Lumber Co. Minor hospital.

Celebrate 100th anniversary Greek independence. Seattle Greeks hear patriotic speeches.

Approximately 80,000 persons have been listed thus far for the poll tax by Assessor Hull.

Mrs. Gladys S. Danna wants a divorce in Tacoma. "Can't stand my mother-in-law," tells judge.

Eddie Hubbard, air postman, brings 14 sacks from Empress of Japan (steamship) at Victoria, Monday p. m.

Judge Neterer denies Yaichiro Goto, alias Matsuo, writ of habeas corpus. Means deportation for Goto.

To attend pow wow in Washington, D. C., Dr. Hugh de Valin, surgeon in charge public health service, here.

Benefit movie show; concert; for Children's Home society; Metropolitan theatre; 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Tribe of street peddlers becoming extinct, says Superintendent of Public Utilities Reeves in annual report.

Harold Engiett, 18, of Atlanta, Ga., police officer's son, pleads guilty to grand larceny here. To be sentenced Thursday.

One pint of Scotch cost Mrs. Jean Griffin $200 before Federal Judge Edward E. Cushman. Pretty stiff even for Scotch.

Too much Wein. Violet Wein filed divorce complaint against Fred Wein of Puyallup. Cruelty and non-support.

J. G. Newbegin exonerated in Tacoma of killing Mrs. Laura Cushman. Mrs. Cushman had umbrella raised. Run down by Newbegin's auto. Died.

Uncle John and Cousin Kate want a finger in the family purse. John Murray Pettit of Puyallup starts divorce action against wife. Too many relations, sezze.

Bonds for Earl B. Rose, Shanghai attorney, who faces charges here of embezzlement of $7,000 worth of cotton stock from the Bank of Asia, have been reduced from $1,200 to $1,000.

J. E. West, of Charleston, met strangers on boat to Tacoma Sunday. They started to match pennies, then attacked him. When he showed fight, bunco artists did fadeaway.

OIL-SOAKED PAPERS IN HOTEL FIRE

Found in Closet; Blazing Freely When Department Arrives

Inspectors of the fire marshal's office Tuesday were investigating a mysterious and probably incendiary fire in a two and one-half story frame rooming house at 1427 Seventh ave., Monday afternoon. Oil-soaked papers were found in a closet. They had been touched off by a match, but the timely arrival of the fire department prevented the flames from growing.

The building was occupied as a rooming house by Joe Miller. The loss was $400.

"Pussyfoot" Johnson Ousted From Canada

WINDSOR, Ontario, April 12.—Wm. ("Pussyfoot") Johnson, American prohibition worker, is safely across the border in his own country today. He was to have spoken here last night, but was escorted to the boundary and told to do his talking in the United States.

He Had Some Grapo; Fined $100; Costs

R. R. Boyer, arrested with C. S. Stewart and J. F. Hart by deputy sheriffs on the Des Moines road March 30, was fined $100 and costs by Justice of the Peace C. C. Dalton Tuesday morning for having a quart of grapo and a small quantity of beer. Charges against Stewart and Hart were dismissed.

Alleged Bandits Up; One Pleads Guilty

When Einar Sorenson and Willard Wren were put on trial on a charge of robbery in Judge William D. Askren's court, Tuesday morning, Wren changed his plea from not guilty to guilty. The trial proceeded so far as Sorenson was concerned.

The two were accused of having held up and robbed Harry Clark of $60 January 18, 1921. Wren was wounded by a policeman at the time of his capture. Sentence will be pronounced at a later date.

Seeks $5,150 for Death of His Son

To compensate for the death of his son, Eugene Nobile, 6, killed by an antomobile between Kirkland and Kingston, on the shores of Lake Washington, September 26, 1920, Vincent Nobile is suing Gust Olsen for $5,150 in Judge J. T. Ronald's court. Nobile says Olson hit the child without sounding any warning of his approach.

Wicked Wiggles May Hit Soaped Skids!

Wicked wiggles and shameful shimmies will hit the soaped skids shortly, when Legal Luminary Kennedy transmits his cabaret ordinance to the city council.

The proposed ordinance will hang the crepe on the bold, bad cabarets, and will provide for the regulation and supervision of the jazz joints.

Didn't Know Beer Under Her Kitchen

After she had proven to the satisfaction of Judge John B. Gordon that she knew nothing of 41 quarts and nine pints of beer, cached under the floor of her kitchen at Eighth ave. S. and Bradford st., Mrs. Alice Hutchins was released in police court Tuesday.

She blamed the hidden brew on the boarders.

YAKIMA.—Officially reported dead two years ago, S. R. Cutler, world war veteran, returns to home here.

WOMAN, 51, FACES TRIAL FOR MURDER

Widowed Daughter to Accuse Mother Charged With Slaying Son-in-Law

THOMPSON FALLS, Mont., April 12.—When Mrs. Mona May McCully, 51, goes on trial here on a charge of having killed her son-in-law, Leon Richardson, she will be confronted by her widowed daughter as a witness for the prosecution.

Mrs. McCully's son, Ernest, also will testify against her. The husband, Fred McCully, takes the side of his wife.

A "confession" made public immediately after Mrs. McCully's arrest, has been repudiated by her. The officers declared Mrs. McCully told them she killed Richardson because he had "allenated" her children. She now denies any knowledge of the killing.

Richardson, an overseas veteran, was found sitting at the wheel of an automobile a few miles out of Plains, Mont. Scorched bullet holes in the back of his head made it evident he had been killed by someone in the tonneau.

Witnesses said Richardson and Mrs. McCully had left Plains together late the previous night bound for the McCully ranch, where Richardson and his wife were living with the McCullys.

A Plains merchant testified he had sold Mrs. McCully a revolver.

Richardson and Eloy McCully were childhood sweethearts, but Mrs. McCully never approved of his suit.

"After we were married," Mrs. Richardson says, "I was with my husband so much that my mother, with whom I always had been a pal, became jealous."

Fred McCully has moved from the ranch to Thompson Falls, to be near his wife, who is in the county jail. Ernest McCully and Mrs. Richardson have left the ranch for a cottage in Plains.

Diplomatic Fight Is Won by America

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The United States has won in an important diplomatic fight with the Obregon government of Mexico, according to state department advices today.

It was learned today that the department had protested to the Mexican government against steps to expropriate valuable American farming land in that country for division among Mexican peasants.

Secretary of State Hughes has now been advised by American Charge D'Affaires Summerlin, in Mexico City, that Obregon had given assurances that no American or other foreign property would be disturbed in this proposed expropriation of land.

Six Months, $2,000 Fine for Bootlegger

Harry Goffee, convicted with Verner Lindquist two weeks ago on federal liquor charges, was sentenced to six months in the county jail and fined $2,000 by Federal Judge Neterer Monday afternoon. Goffee gave notice of an appeal to the United States circuit court. Lindquist was granted a new trial by Judge Neterer. The men were convicted of selling $5,060 worth of Canadian liquor to J. F. Duthie, Seattle shipbuilder.

Sheriff Receives Blackhand Letter

Sheriff Matt Starwich received a black hand letter, couched in vulgar terms, Tuesday, threatening to "get him" because John Schmitt, murderer, recently hanged, didn't "get him" while he was "getting" policemen. The letter was unsigned.

First Call for Test Film
Eva Novak Greets Rivals

BY EVA NOVAK

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif.—(By Mail.)—So there's a new movie star coming down from Seattle. Well, well, well!

I entered the motion picture world at the bottom of the ladder by that tedious route of "atmospheric roles"—which is polite for "extras." The girl who can jump to the top in one jump, so to speak, going into the studio for the first time with a $100-a-week contract in her pocket, can congratulate herself.

Four years ago this summer, after school closed in St. Louis, my mother took me to California to visit my older sister, Jane. Jane had made a success on the screen with Universal. She was at that time appearing in "Graft," at Universal City, and we rode out there the day we arrived.

Mary MacLaren was out there making "Shoes." She was using a lot of extra girls, and when she learned I was Jane's sister, she asked me to take a minor part. That day settled my career.

I joined L-Ko comedies and stayed in that company two years. From "extras" I finally graduated into ingenue roles. I was anxious to do dramatic work, and when Tom Mix offered me a lead in one of his pictures, I jumped. I remained with him in two more features. Then I played opposite House Peters, tried comedy again, played leading roles with William S. Hart, and then came the offer of a starring contract from Universal, and my ambition was realized.

The inexperienced girl who jumps into a leading role may find the place hard to fill, but I know of girls who have done it and who today are stars.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST

1—The contest is open to girls of any age living in King county who have had no previous stage, screen, cabaret or other theatrical experience. Star, Universal and Clemmer theatre employes are barred.

2—Girls under 18 who enter the contest must have the written consent of parent or guardian.

3—Contestants must first submit a photograph of themselves for the use of judges in selecting those to appear in the test films.

4—From those who appear in the test films the judges will choose the winner. She must accept a 10 weeks' contract with the Universal Film Co., at Hollywood, Cal.

5—The winner will be paid $1,000 and traveling expenses to Los Angeles and return. Payment will be made at the rate of $100 a week during the 10 weeks' engagement.

6—The winner will appear in a "lead" role in a Universal production. If she "makes good" in this film she will be offered a permanent position with Universal.

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Thirty-seven girls were selected today to appear in the first test film to be made in the contest for The Star-Universal $1,000 moving picture contract.

If it does not rain the first test film will be made in front of The Star office, on Seventh ave., between Union and University sts., at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The 37 girls were chosen by the contest judges from among those who had formally entered the competition and submitted photographs up to 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Those who entered later will be held over for selection for next week's test film. They will have the advantage of seeing how the first 37 acted, as the first test film will be shown at the Clemmer theatre beginning Saturday.

The following entrants have been chosen to appear in the first test film:

Honor Marie Bailey, 1415 Boren ave.
Inez Dotson, 4319 W. Holly st.
Evelyn Eastman, 5052 College st.
Ruth Franklin, 1509 Ninth ave.
Charlotte Gricel, 1629 N. 54th st.
Pearl Harrison, 1722 Minor ave.
Lyle Humes, 719 Third ave. W.
Edith Lee, 5228 45th S. W.
Jessie June MacDonald, Fairview hotel.
Emily Martin, 1234 15th ave. N.
Ruth McAllister, 2726 19th ave. S.
Enid Metcalf, 944 N. 35th st.
Madonna Mozelle, Old Homestead, Alki.
Estelle Murphy, 2328 Woodlawn ave.
Estelle Ringwood, 843 E. 66th st.
Edythe Thompson, 7308 Vashon pl.
Pauline Walker, 3208 Brandon st.
Grace Elaine Forbes, 4335 Thackeray pl.
Peggy Lampman, 126 Second ave. N.
Inez Primeau, 2525 Eighth ave. W.
Lillian M. Blair, 1117 Third ave.
Ethel R. Burke, 408 Wall st.
Katherine Eves, Elmondo Apts.
Atta W. Hunter, 4617 Mead st.
Aletta Jappe, Pershing Apts.
Emma Jergensen, 120 28th ave.
Peggy Martin, 1234 15th ave. N.
Vivian McKnight, 832 36th ave. S.
Silva Metzenbaum, 809 15th ave. N.
Mae Montgomery, 2801 Empire way.
Mae Ross, 2065½ Second ave.
Eliza Roth, Bryn Mawr, Wash.
Verna Alberta Sorben, 1511½ Eighth ave.
Helene Carol Sturgeon, 3617 W. Charleston st.
Francis Drager, 1408 Second ave. W.
Peggy Roberts, 1921 Ninth ave.
Marie Thornton, 318 E. Pine st.

They will be expected to appear at The Star office promptly at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Each girl must register her name and address before the film is made. This will be done inside the office, that the judges may "keep track" of the contestants.

Photography and developing will be in charge of the Pacific Film Enterprises, Harold J. Binney, president and director general.

Friends and relatives of the contestants and others interested in the contest who wish to see the first test film made are requested to co-operate in keeping Seventh ave. clear during the filming.

Several hundred feet of film, costing $1 a foot, will be used in the first test.

The judges do not object to people being on the ground to watch the procedure. They ask merely that bystanders avoid interference with contestants and cameramen.

Miss Nellie Cornish, instructor in music and dramatic art, of the Cornish School of Music, and Albert Victor Lewis, sculptor and instructor in sculpture and drawing, University of Washington, will serve as judges of the contest, with Miss Daisy Henry, of The Star, and George Bourke, of the Universal. They were to elect a fifth judge today.

AMERICA FIRST IS HARDING DEMAND

Declare Immediate Peace With Germany, Says President in Message

SUMMARY OF HARDING'S MESSAGE

"The surest procedure in every government is to put its house in order."

"I know of no more pressing problems at home than to restrict our national expenditures."

"The most substantial relief from the tax burden must come for the present from the readjustment of internal taxes and the revision or repeal of those taxes which have become unproductive and burdensome as to defeat their own purpose or are so artificial and burdensome as to defeat their own purpose."

"I believe in the protection of American industry, and it is our purpose to prosper America first."

"Reduced cost of basic production has been recorded, but high cost of living has not yielded in like proportion."

"I have thought this to be a befitting occasion to give notice that the United States means to establish and maintain a great merchant marine."

"In the existing league of nations, world governing with its super-powers, this republic will have no part."

"Our very immediate concern is for the crippled soldier and those deeply needing the helping hand of the government."

"Congress ought to wipe the stain of barbaric lynching from the banners of a free and orderly, representative democracy."

The president said:

Perishable foods cost too much. Congress should investigate.

Pass emergency tariff at once.

Full revision later.

Pass immediate peace with Germany resolution.

Congress advised to investigate the railroad situation.

Federal aid to highways

Indorsed federal maternity bill and supported suggestion for creating department of public welfare.

Prudence forbids rash disarmament bill.

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BY RAYMOND CLAPPER

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Congress should adopt a resolution declaring peace with Germany without further delay, President Harding recommended in his first message to congress today. Such action, he said, could in no sense be construed as a desertion of the allies.

He made plain his belief that the league of nations is dead. Measures to lower taxes and lower retail prices were the outstanding features of his recommendations for dealing with domestic problems.

TURNS BACK ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The peace resolution, Harding explained, should undertake to do no more than declare a state of peace and must put no difficulty in the way of the collection of reparations or the restoration of war-torn Europe.

Turning his back completely on the league of nations, the executive reaffirmed his allegiance to the ideal of a world association of nations.

But this problem must be deliberately considered, he said, and he promised to invite the advice of the senate when he feels it time to act.

"In the existing league of nations, world governing with its super-powers, this republic will have no part," he said. "There can be no misinterpretation and there will be no betrayal of the deliberate expression of the American people in the recent election."

"In rejecting the league covenant," he said later in his address, "we make no surrender of our hope and aim for an association to promote peace in which we would most heartily join."

Turning to the question of immediate peace, the president said that the United States alone of the allied and associated powers, continues in a technical state of war.

WOULD ESTABLISH TECHNICAL PEACE

"This anomalous condition ought not to be permitted to continue," he said. "To establish the state of technical peace without further delay I should approve a declaratory resolution by congress to that effect, with the qualifications essential to protect all our rights."

The message raised the question of a possible ratification of the Versailles treaty with the league of nations covenant detached. Harding did not state this explicitly, but spoke for acceptance of the rights and interests provided under the existing treaty, "assuming, of course, that this can be satisfactorily accomplished by such explicit reservations and modifications as will secure our absolute freedom from inadvisable commitments and safeguard all our essential interests."

President Harding argued against including in the resolution any declaration of future policy toward Europe. Such a declaration coming from congress would be an assumption of a function conferred on the executive.

RESTRICT NATIONAL EXPENSES, HE SAYS

President Harding laid emphasis upon domestic problems.

There is no more pressing problem, he said, than to restrict national expenses to national income and at the same time to lift the burdens of war taxation. Economy is to be "the outstanding and ever-impelling" purpose, he insisted.

Creation of a department of public welfare was declared for by Harding. He called for encouragement of the merchant marine, upbuilding of radio communications,

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Mr. Thaddeus Einstein Rayne; or, Science on the Greensward

BY LEE SULLIVAN

"THIS turf is harder than it was last year," said Thaddeus Rayne, as he rolled over on his other hip and surveyed the greensward of City Hall park. "It must be a conspiracy to drive us fellows away from here. The capitalists envy us our leisure on this nice little plat. They gnash their false teeth when they see us of the under crust lounging on the grass here.

"And I believe that in some mysterious manner they have hardened the ground here. I have never known the grass here to grow on such an uncomfortable adamantine surface. For the last five years this spot has been a velvety haven for us tired stiffs. And those rich guys must have got jealous and had the place sprinkled with cement during the winter. The grass looks as green as ever, but the ground underneath is darned hard."

Thaddeus Rayne, connoisseur of park benches and shady nooks in parks, of the soft spots in life, reclined at extreme ease despite the hardness of the earth. His clothes were old, ragged and worn. But, fresh from the southland, where he had been hibernating, his mind was alert with his subtle philosophy.

For years Thaddeus has spent the greater part of his summers in City Hall park. He has counted the number of windows in the Frye hotel many times with great precision. He has estimated the distance to the heavens and discovered that that distance differed greatly, depending on the weather. He has watched tens of thousands of people rush by on the sidewalks.

Hurrying and scurrying, they have passed by him. He has been a silent, thoughtful observer, like a watcher on the bank eyeing the stream of life. He lives in a South End or First ave. hotel generally. Where he gets his money is a mystery. He never has much, but enough.

When the weather permits, during the summer, he occupies his post in City Hall park. When the weather is unkind to Thaddeus, he squats on a hotel chair, moody and disconsolate. It is only when he feels the green of the park grass under him that he is happy.

At such a time Thaddeus soliloquizes thus:

"It is not true that all men are descended from some inferior beast of bygone age. When these scientists talk of the transmigration of souls, they have the right idea, but they have worked it out wrong.

"Men are not descended from jackasses, donkeys, monkeys and apes.

"Man is an evolution of the vegetables. I will prove it, tho you laugh.

"Take the college professor—the highbrow. He is in descent from the wedge-like carrot. The bulging brow and tapering chin of his face remain with him as remnants of his prior life. He is a man-carrot.

"And the musician. It is very clear that he comes from the spinach. His flowing hair shows that plainly.

"The egoist. He is the product of the Irish potato—all eyes. And the circus acrobat, so strong, is the result of the onion's soul coming into a man. The evolution becomes more simple when we consider the dead beat.

"The boxer is a reincarnation of the cauliflower. Witness his ears.

"The tracing of the antecedent vegetable is more difficult in other cases. Take that of the landlord. No doubt he is lineally a descendant of the lettuce. And poets and musicians. They are from cucumbers, but the 'cucu' part alone shows."

Thaddeus ceased. He looked at the city-county building.

"One more example," he said with finality. "Politicians—consider their heads—is not the cabbage suggested? The theory is simple and incontrovertible."