

People Talked About

Gossip Concerning Men Whose Names Are Mentioned in the News



MAXIMILIAN F. IHMSEN.

A COMPARATIVELY new figure in politics is Maximilian F. Ihmsen, manager of William R. Hearst's gubernatorial canvass in New York state, who was much in evidence at the Buffalo convention which nominated Mr. Hearst. He was formerly a newspaper man and got into politics through his connection as a political reporter with Mr. Hearst's papers. He is thirty-eight years old. Nineteen years ago he left Pittsburg, where his family had long lived, and obtained a position on the New York Herald. Ten years ago he went to the New York American. He was Albany correspondent for a time and then became city editor. Later he served as Washington correspondent. He took charge of the organization of the clubs composing the National Association of Democratic Clubs and when Mr. Hearst ran for congress became his campaign manager. He also managed Mr. Hearst's campaign for the Democratic nomination for the presidency in 1904. A Democrat talked of for the gubernatorial nomination by the anti-Hearst Democrats at Buffalo was the mayor of the city, James N. Adam, who recently retired as head of a large dry goods house. While the convention was in progress a moving van with the sign "J. N. Adam & Co." passed down a leading street.

"Aha," said Max Ihmsen gleefully, "they are taking the Adam boom away already!"

Father Bernard Vaughan, whose sermons on the sins of society at the church of the Jesuit Fathers, Farm street, Berkeley square, London, have been the subject of so much comment, is a brother of the late Cardinal Vaughan. He is sometimes called the "modern English Savonarola," and his attacks on the smart set have drawn to his church many of that class, who seem to take a queer sort of pleasure in hearing themselves criticised. He calls the society woman who leads young men into temptation through gambling a "man eating tigress." Recently Father Vaughan has been joined in his crusade by a well known nonconformist minister, the Rev. Dr. Townsend, who at a church gathering declared the gambling curse was eating its way like a cancer through society. Father Vaughan, "the penny novelette preacher," as he has been called, said in a recent address:

"Of one thing any man who ventures into the society of the fast, smart set may be sure, and that is if he goes into it with any money he will come out of it without any. I know men who have been kept at bridge, being forced, in spite of themselves, to play, and to play high and play long and to play on till they had nothing more to play for. . . . Many a debutante has been drawn into this vortex, in some instances by the hostess herself, and has been sucked down before the end of play not far from the lowest degradation to which a woman can come."

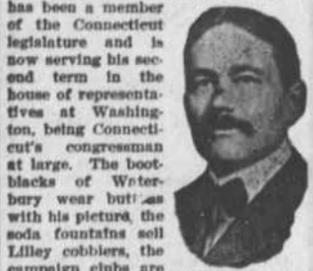
Governor Joseph M. Terrell of Georgia, who has been confronted with perplexing problems since the outbreak of rioting in Atlanta and other places in the state, began life as a plowboy and rose through his own energy and thrift to his present post of honor. There is a story told of his school days when he was a pupil of Colonel W. T. Revell, now a Georgia editor. According to local history, Joe was the only boy in the school whom the teacher never thrashed, for the colonel was a great believer in the efficacy of the rod.

"Joe," the boys would say when they heard that young Terrell was to change preceptors, "the colonel 'll give it to you good when you come over here with us."

But Joe and his new teacher got along so well that application of stern discipline never became necessary. Soon after his school days and farm life ended he took up the study of law and on being admitted to the bar often rode many miles in a day to different parts of the county where justice courts were located. He served in the legislature and as attorney general and was chosen governor in 1902. His term will expire at the close of the present year. Governor Terrell's home is at Greenville, where he was born forty-five years ago. He married Miss Jessie Lee Spevey in 1886. Mrs. Terrell entertained Mrs. Roosevelt when the president and his wife visited Atlanta a year ago.

That no man is a hero to his belle girl was proved one day recently when politicians at Hartford, Conn., talked of

telephone Congressman George L. Lilley of Waterbury, in the same state. Waterbury is a city of 60,000 people, and Mr. Lilley is generally accounted its "first citizen." Though he was born in Oxford, Mass., some forty-seven years ago, he has lived in Waterbury for the past twenty-five years, has been a member of the Connecticut legislature and is now serving his second term in the house of representatives at Washington, being Connecticut's congressman at large. The bootblacks of Waterbury wear buttons with his picture, the soda fountains sell Lilley cobbles, the campaign clubs are organized in his name, and all the past summer he has been making the town famous with clambakes in honor of men prominent in politics. Yet when the politicians called Waterbury and asked for Lilley they waited twenty-five minutes and received this report:

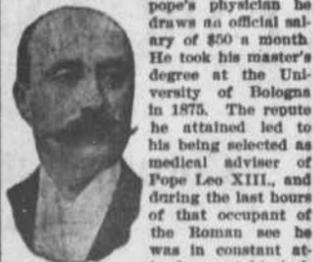


GEORGE L. LILLEY

"No such person as Congressman George L. Lilley is known in Waterbury."

The politicians then took a motor car and hurried over the mountains to talk with the congressman in person.

Dr. Giuseppe Lapponi, whose illness was recently announced, is physician in ordinary to Pope Pius X. and sustained the same relation to the late Pope Leo XIII., by whom he was held in great esteem and regard. As the pope's physician he draws an official salary of \$50 a month. He took his master's degree at the University of Bologna in 1875. The reputation he attained led to his being selected as medical adviser of Pope Leo XIII., and during the last hours of that occupant of the Roman see he was in constant attendance at his bedside. The post, of course, carries with it much honor. Owing to the confidential position he occupies, the pope's physician is supposed to hold the key to a great many Vatican secrets and in consequence is often pursued by ecclesiastics, diplomats and newspaper men until his life becomes somewhat of a burden.



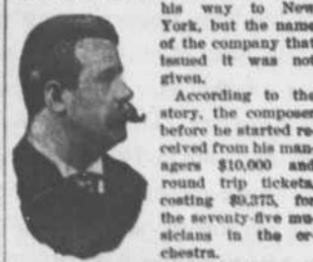
DR. LAPPONI.

State Senator Edgar T. Brackett of Saratoga, who was a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of New York, is counsel for one of the heirs of the late Russell Sage and was a factor in the settlement by which the legacies to heirs were increased and a contest of the will thereby avoided.

Senator Brackett was once approached by a reporter for facts about himself for a biographical sketch. "I don't care much what you write about me," he said. "You'd do better to get facts from me. I suppose, for I know more mean things than you ever heard of, but if you'll only concede me one thing I'll be satisfied. If you can say that my sympathy and support are always with the underdog in the fight, that I am always in favor of a square deal for him, I'll stand for the rest. That's my philosophy."

To another writer he once gave the following as embodying his idea of a motto: "He who has mingled in the fray of duty which the brave endure must have made foes. If he have none, small is the work he has done. He has hit no tyrant on the hip. He has pushed no cup from a perfurged lip. He has never turned the wrong to right. He has been a coward in the fight."

It was the violinist Jan Kubelik who took out an insurance policy against accident to his fingers, and another musician, the Italian composer Ruggero Leoncavallo, is the subject of an unusual insurance policy recently written. An accident policy has been taken out to insure the managers of Leoncavallo against loss on his coming American tour if he should be unable to appear in concerts in this country. It was said that the policy went into effect when Leoncavallo left Milan on his way to New York, but the name of the company that issued it was not given.



RUGGERO LEONCAVALLO.

According to the story, the composer before he started received from his managers \$10,000 and round trip tickets, costing \$9,375, for the seventy-five musicians in the orchestra.

By the terms of the accident policy the managers are to receive \$2,000 for each concert that may be canceled through illness or accident to Leoncavallo. He is booked for fifty appearances. The composer was accorded a great ovation two years ago in the production in Berlin of his "Roland of Berlioz," written at the order of Emperor William. At the close of the performance the emperor received the composer and his wife in the royal box and conferred on him the Crown order, second class.

Napoleon's Tomb.
The windows in the Chapel of the Invalides in Paris, where the great Napoleon lies buried, are of a singularly translucent amber glass. When the sun shines full upon them the rays are transmuted into gold, and they fall like a ladder of light upon the bronze sarcophagus of the conqueror until he seems glorified from the skies.

The Purse.
The invention of the purse was doubtless contemporaneous with that of money. The purse is mentioned in Old Testament history as a part of a traveler's outfit. When the disciples, spoken of in the gospels, were sent forth to preach they were commanded to take neither gold nor silver nor brass in their purses.



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