

BIG LEAGUE SEASON IS OPEN

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AIDING POLICE

Mrs. Elliott Nails an Anticipated Statement by Girl in Defense of the Police.

Just as anticipated, a tremendous effort is being made by public officials to break down the force of the Rose Elliott story on the police department, published in The Press Tuesday.

From what could be learned last night in an interview with the girl, the attack will be made by the prosecuting attorney's office, as the ally of the police department, in an effort to discredit the testimony of the old soldier, J. H. Elliott, who swore the officers "railroaded" him to prison because he protested against the alleged debauchery of his adopted daughter by Policemen Gilder and Hood.

COUNTY JAIL DOPE HURTS.

The further fact that Elliott gave some most damaging testimony against conditions in the county jail, charging a deputy under Sheriff Pugh with gross immorality, makes it desirable that the old man who bears the bronze button of the Grand Army be made out a falsifier.

In accomplishing this end the wayward girl, Rose Elliott, the adopted daughter whom loving foster parents tried to save from destruction has been called into use to blacken the character of her aged parents. Her testimony on any question is absolutely valueless, as she has made so many false statements that her story can be discredited in any honest court.

GIVES PUGH'S STATEMENT.

The girl said last night that the prosecutor's office drew a statement from her to the effect that she blamed her aged father with her ruin, and that a statement to this effect would be given out for publication today.

But the plain, straightforward story of the girl's misfortunes made last night by that white haired and truthful woman, Mrs. Elliott, effectively sets this at rest.

Further, when Rose Elliott was in the hands of one of the police heads last summer she was questioned as to who was responsible for her wrong, with a view at that

time of shifting the blame to old man Elliott, but the girl, even though she then was deeply angered against her foster father, stoutly denied that he had any connection with her trouble and said that it was someone else.

SULLIVAN IS IN BAD. Chief Sullivan's defense of the girl's occupancy of the rooms of Officers Gilder and Hood will also be shown in another issue, to rest on a false basis, and that the chief, in trying to protect his own skirts by shielding his men, has accepted their statements and committed himself to a declaration that will serve as a room-kill.

It is the power that the girl will try to becloud the actual facts in the Rosie Elliott case the deeper they will get into the mire. Trumped-up explanations will not wash away conditions supported by sworn statements.

FIGHT AGAINST THE "SYSTEM" In The Press' first story on the Elliott case there was no effort made to defend the character of the girl. She is one of those unfortunate girls that, once on the downward path, is more inclined toward the ways of evil than good. The old folks who have been at times to hold the girl's weakness in check, but when she fell in with the two policemen the game was off. The old man was thrown into

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ARISTOCRATIC BELLE ROAMS WITH GIPSY KING HUSBAND



"QUEEN JESSIE," WHO WAS A BALTIMORE BLUE-BLOOD. WHERE MISS HABERSHAM IS HAPPY.

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—Wandering over the world as a gypsy queen, a former belle of Baltimore's aristocracy has been discovered living in a tent at Carondelet. This fair-skinned gypsy, whose youth and beauty and connections would fit her to resume her position in polite circles at home, has no such desire. She who was the stunning Miss Habersham of Baltimore is enraptured with her nomadic life, and her reign as "Queen Jessie," wife of George Mitchell, a middle aged, swarthy leader of the tribe.

The fair-skinned "gypsy" when found among the fortune telling crew in the grove where her camp is pitched, attracted such notice that there was inquiry. She admitted she was not a born gypsy, and declared that she was the daughter of A. W. Habersham of Baltimore, and had run away to lead the unconventional life. She claimed descent from Mrs. Marie Lloyd Key, a noted Baltimore beauty of 50 years ago. Chief Justice Roger B. Taney was her great uncle, and a great grandfather was Jos. Habersham, who was the first postmaster general of the United States. These claims were confirmed from Baltimore, where her father was known. He had known of her presence among the gypsies for some time, but could not induce her to leave them.

This is because "Queen Jessie" is happy among them; very, very happy, as she insists. "I found there is more love and truth beneath the canvas of a Romany tent than in any mansion."

MAKES JUDGE MANN PAY POSTAGE ON HIS OWN "DEATH WARNING"

Of all the startling demonstrations of that peculiar sort of boldness sometimes called "unadulterated gall," about the most "cheeky" is displayed by some unknown, who compelled Judge S. A. Mann of the police court to pay postage on his own death warning.

Postage Due 1 Cent—this is stamped at the top of a postal card mailed to Judge Mann by some one about the city. On the same side there appears this inscription in a crude scrawl: "Hoping you see the picture on the other side. It means death to you."

An approaching automobile with a skull and crossbones at the front and occupied by two skeletons is shown in a sketch on the opposite side of the card. And the judge paid the one cent postage due to get it, too, for whoever mailed it failed to affix the necessary stamp. This is one of many death warnings Judge Mann has received since the recent I. W. W. trouble.

MEETING A MIGHTY HUNTER; WALLOWING IN THE SACRED MUD OF THE NILE AND SENDING A CABLE MESSAGE FROM THE JUNGLE

On board the Abbas Pashaw, under special charter by your correspondent to go up the White Nile to meet Theodore Roosevelt approaching Khartoum on the S. S. Dal, March 12.—It happened yesterday (Friday), Roosevelt has been met and the story has been cabled. Now for a few details not in the cable story.

We started from Khartoum Tuesday afternoon, and our race was ended yesterday morning at 6 o'clock. For three nights and two days we had pushed the old Abbas to the limit. If a paddle broke we cast it loose. If the engine pounded—let her pound. Another chartered newspaper boat, the Cairo, was hanging on our heels and we must get along.

HUGE CROWDS SEE OPENING GAMES

NEW YORK, April 15.—Major league season opened under favorable conditions yesterday, and is in full swing today. Record-breaking crowds are attending the opening games. Reports from all the big baseball cities indicate that enough prosperity is evident to give the fans sufficient money to see the games in huge crowds throughout the season.

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams like Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, New York, etc., with records (R, H, E).

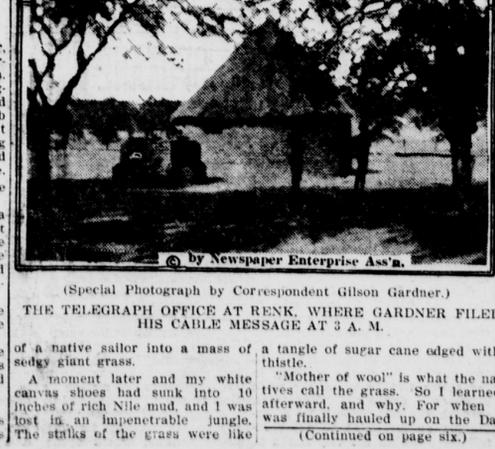
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TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

NEW YORK, April 15.—Results at Aqueduct: First race—Pajaroalta, 3 to 1; won; Campeon, 6 to 1, second; W. T. Overton, third. Time, 1:00 2/5.

EMERYVILLE RESULTS: First race—May Pink, 20 to 1, won; Phillistina, 8 to 5, second; Electrowan, even, third. Time, 1:43.

JACKSONVILLE RESULTS: First race—El Oro, 6 to 1, won; ...



THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE AT RENK, WHERE GARDNER FILED THIS CABLE MESSAGE AT 3 A. M.

TEDDY AND ROYALTY CHUMMING

VIENNA, April 15.—After a triumphal ride from the station to the Hotel Krantz today, former President Roosevelt and Kermit found that no rooms had been reserved for them. They were hustled into a little apartment while the management of the hotel hastened to prepare a luxurious suite.

The lack of accommodations came from an error on the part of those arranging the Roosevelt reception. American Ambassador Richard Kerens thought that Baron Henglemuller, former ambassador to Washington, had engaged rooms for the Roosevelts. The baron thought the ambassador had engaged the rooms, and so, through this Alphonse-Gaston predicament, Roosevelt and Kermit found no rooms at all.

While discussing the affair, he declared that his meeting with Finchet ought not to be construed as his desire to hear only one side of the conservation controversy. "I want to hear all sides," he said, "of all questions, and I will be glad to see anyone who can enlighten me on political questions. I am sorry Senator Root could not come to Europe."

ROOSEVELT during this talk made it plain he would stand for his principles upon his return to America, regardless of parties or persons. During the day he rubbed elbows with royalty. Most of those engaged in his official reception were counts, dukes or barons.

AGENT SUES FOR HIS COMMISSION

Suit for the recovery of \$100 alleged to be due him as commission for assistance in the making of real estate deals was filed in the superior court this morning by Ben C. Davis against Neely & Young, handling Orchard Tracts.

Without a brass band opening or any fireworks, but none the less under the most favorable auspices, one of the most important and far-reaching events in ten years commenced today—the taking of the census throughout the length and breadth of this broad land.

LONDON.—New airship for British navy nearing completion. Will be 500 feet long and 50 feet in diameter, longer by 54 feet than the monster Zeppelin car.

RIOTS!

(By United Press Leased Wire) PEKIN, April 15.—Riots at Chang Sha have broken out following the demonstration against the missionaries of the Wesleyan Island mission, and today the governor's yamen, where the missionaries had taken refuge, was burned. The missionaries are reported safe on board a merchant ship. The mob forced the abandonment of the British consulate and the customs house, and the situation is so serious that most of the foreigners here have sought safety aboard ships. Four British gunboats are on their way up the Siang Kiang river to quell the disturbance.

JUST ONE MORE WRECK

(By United Press Leased Wire) CHEHALIS, Wash., April 15.—Extra freight train No. 135, north bound, was wrecked a mile and a half north of Napavine at 2 o'clock this morning. Eight cars were derailed and the track torn up for a considerable distance. Neither the engine heading the train nor the helper at the rear left the track and no one was injured. The track will be blocked until late this afternoon.

TOO MUCH EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, who has planned to attend the National Women's Suffrage convention in Washington, has been compelled to change her plans on account of her rundown condition resulting from overwork. She has closed her town house and today is on her way to Hempstead for her rest.

BERLIN.—Creditors of Duke of Tallyrand are feeling blue. He owes \$1,000,000 and his income is but \$6000 per year. It will take \$600 years for him to square up.

GIRL SLUGGED; LEFT ON TRACKS

(By United Press Leased Wire) SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Police today are looking for three men said to have set upon Miss Gladys Hughes, when she was beating in a half block of her home, beat her into unconsciousness and stole her purse and then laid her body across the rails of the street car tracks. The woman's screams had attracted help, and people coming to her assistance finally discovered her in a dark part of the street, where she had been left.

WANT ROOSEVELT TO SEE AIRSHIPS.

(By United Press Leased Wire) SUEZ, Egypt, April 15.—A special invitation was sent today to Colonel Roosevelt to attend the aviation meet which opened here today. The invitation was signed by the promoters and the patrons of the meet, among whom are some of the most important personages of France.

COP ADVOCATE OF WOMEN ON FORCE

CHICAGO, April 15.—Women as a sort of policeman to patrol regular beats every evening and keep an eye on their neighbors' children are proposed by Capt. P. J. Harding of the Shakespeare avenue police station.

The plan was suggested at a meeting of the Esther Falkenstein Settlement Women's club during a talk on "Welfare of young people." It met with such approval that the club will consider the advisability of starting a league of women to undertake the work.