

A VILLAGE OF ROTS AND SPOTS

LINK STEFFENS TELLS GREENWICH THAT IT'S SPOILT.

Down to the Town Hall to see its degradation... "Water," "Vine," and "The People." All on a blackboard.

Link Steffens, the chief of police of Greenwich, N. Y., put it, "it came like a blow from an unwrapped wet washkin in the face of Link Steffens, to whom life is a damn darn civic shame after another, stood up at a dinner outside the limits of the town of Greenwich, Conn. it was the annual banquet of the Commonwealth Club, New Britain, and the time three weeks ago, and said this to the diners about his own home village.

"Greenwich is as corrupt as any city in the United States," he said.

Link Steffens is the well known publisher. He prefers to be known, however, as Lincoln Steffens, magazine writer and publicist.

He it was who wrote "Shames Here, There and Everywhere," or some such work, and as he has gone through life he has uncovered so much corruption that it is next to impossible for him to raise his head.

But when the magazine writer and publicist went to the extreme of making remarks at this Commonwealth Club dinner at New Britain about his own Greenwich town, the township rose from Greenwich village, the western end to its eastern extremity, which is Sound Beach, the home of Mayor George Sammis, who is the only man by the name of Sammis who does not live on Long Island.

"Just for that, Link," said Greenwich, "you come to the Town Hall, Greenwich avenue, Greenwich, next door to Finch's drug store, on the night of Friday, December 30, and get heckled. Make good your charges and we shall appoint a chairman and one by one various speakers will arise and repudiate you."

So last night the magazine writer and publicist appeared before a crowded house.

At the town was there and it was evident as the town filed in that Greenwich was peeved. A reporter from THE SIX was on the point of entering and trying to wedge through the crowd as the guest of Julian Street, who although not a publicist is a magazine writer, when Julian presented the reporter to Chief of Police Billy at the Town Hall entrance.

Billy, an interesting raconteur, brought up one thing after another. As a result the time passed so pleasantly that before Julian's guest realized the lateness of the hour the 11:03 train to New York was due and the reporter had to hoof it down Greenwich avenue to the railroad station to catch the train.

But while standing outside listening to Billy's reminiscences runners came out to tell of what was going on inside. And so by patching these messages together piece by piece a connected story of what Link was talking about and what the citizens of Greenwich were saying in reply was obtained.

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"Morning, Link," I said.

"Morning, Vince," says Link pleasantly enough, and then he stopped me where I am standing.

"Vince," Link goes on, "I suppose you as a town officer have seen to it that the sewer has been continued through Elm street."

"Well now I come to think of the sewer," I answers him, also civil, "it's slipped my mind."

"That's all right, Link," shaking his finger in my face. "That's it! They have got to you, too. You've been bought, Vincent Dismuke. This village is as corrupt as New York or Camden."

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"How a stage set?" asked Julian Street.

"There's a painted pink curtain," Willie answered, "and Link's got on a sack suit and a soft rolled collar and butterfly tie with the wings tucked under the collar. They've picked Henry Dayton as chairman and there's a young fellow on the stage who has a piece of chalk and is drawing pictures as Link talks. He made a square with the word 'rot' in the middle of it and next to the gas square is another one with water and electric light written on it. Link is talking about corruption in Philadelphia, New York, San Francisco, St. Louis and Pittsburgh."

"Why don't you come around to the Dutch Treat Club?" asked Julian, addressing the reporter, "but you didn't show up."

"Did you get that one about the two colored persons fishing?" asked Chief Billy Rich.

"There were two negroes fishing," he went on. "The first one was the nephew of the other, but the second negro was not the uncle of the first. What reason I ask you, was the second negro the first's bit?"

"What relation," broke in Chief Billy, "the second negro to the first?"

"He's a nephew," replied Julian.

"If the first is a nephew of the second, what relation is the second to the first?"

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drawing more and more little squares on the blackboard, but the combined area of the squares was smaller than the one labeled gas. Next in size, so Willie said, was a square labeled water, and below this was one labeled "the people."

"Did you hear that one about the drummer on the Empire State Express?" asked Boss Butler in St. Louis and some grafter in Pittsburgh who was taking up the work of Judge Ben Lindsey in Denver.

Everybody, so Willie said, was laughing hard.

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HELD FOR THEFT OF OPERAS

MAN WHO BROUGHT THEM TO THE POLICE ACCUSED.

He Falls Completely to Put Detectives on Track of Two Men Who, He Says, Gave Him the Music Works Identified by Mr. Damrosch's Secretary.

The two operas in manuscript form entitled "Rafaelo" and "Die Brautschau" submitted for the \$10,000 prize offered by the Metropolitan Opera Company, which were brought to the East 104th street police station night before last, were identified yesterday by Walter Damrosch, secretary, George Engels, as the two operas stolen on December 24 from an Adams Express wagon which had got them at the home of Mr. Damrosch, at 188 East Sixty-first street.

The name of the man who first appeared with the missing manuscripts was put down on the blotter as John Rea of 236 East Fifty-ninth street. It developed later that he really was Dennis Higgins of 228 East Sixty-fourth street. After telling the police conflicting stories as to how he came into possession of the operas scores and proving later to be unable to locate the two men he said had given him the package nearly a week ago, Higgins himself was charged with this theft and was arrested. In the Yorkville court he pleaded not guilty and was held in \$2,000 bail for further examination on Monday.

It was explained last night that at 9 o'clock on Friday evening Higgins called up the East 104th street station and asked for Detective Cassidy. It seems that Higgins knew Cassidy through a shooting affair eighteen months ago, in which Higgins was the complainant Higgins told the detective that he had in his possession "something big" in the form of some lost operas, for which there had been offered a reward of \$5,000. He wanted Cassidy to come down to a drug store at 104th street and Sixty-first street where he had the package. The detective did not take the message very seriously, but prevailed upon Higgins to bring his find to the station house.

When Higgins got there his operas were not wrapped as originally, with the label of the Adams Express Company, but were done up in newspapers of December 23, and outside these was an old, dirty carpet. The package was found to contain the manuscripts of the operas "Rafaelo" and "Die Brautschau," the latter under the identification mark of "Manuscript of Rafaelo" was in one volume with the libretto in English, French and Italian and with an additional volume of lyrics. The other opera, "Choosing the Bride," was in three volumes, two for the orchestra, one for the piano, and there were two small volumes of ballets.

In explaining to the detectives how he got hold of the operas Higgins said that on Christmas morning about 2 o'clock two men met him near his home and asked him to hold a bundle for them. It was wrapped in an old carpet. They told him that they had the package in the Adams Express wagon and threatened him if he should not take it. Higgins says he did not want it and left it in the gutter. Afterward he thought it over and decided to get it and take it home. The next day he read in the papers about the stolen operas and he thought he had not returned them immediately.

The detectives asked Higgins if he knew the two men who gave him the bundle. He said he did not, but that they were Pat Murphy of 80 East Sixty-third street and a man known both as "Nick" and "Jim" of 328 East Sixty-third street. The detectives had taken out Higgins' name from the papers, but after a search they had found neither. The detectives started the quest again at 3 o'clock, but by this time Higgins was not quite so sure about his men and every time he was asked for a description of them his answer was different. After trailing Higgins to some drug store, the detectives decided to put the theft right up to Higgins himself and arrested him.

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THE NEW YEAR

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It has crowded us with business and tested our efficiency with complex problems in the Economy of Cost and in the Economy of Time.

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We must have made satisfactory progress, too, for the last will and testament of the Old Year bequeaths to us a contract to build the biggest hotel in the world.

Even now the demolition of the old buildings is in progress at Broadway, 33rd and 34th Streets, the site where this wonderful hotel, containing 1700 rooms, will rise to a height of 25 stories.

The lease of the land for this hotel contains a remarkable clause, stipulating that the building, which is to be designed by F. M. Andrews & Company, Architects, is to be built by the Thompson-Starrett Company.

The Trustees of the McAlpin Estate, who made the lease, frankly state that they wish to surround the proposition with that protection which comes from our association with the enterprise.

Such a statement is significant, to say the least, and may be taken to indicate the esteem in which we are held by large reality interests.

It also furnishes us an opportunity to acknowledge, not only in the instance quoted, but in many others, the confidence reposed in us by our clients.

Our appreciation of this confidence will be to deserve its continuance.

Meanwhile, to that currency of good will and large hopes in which we ourselves participate, we contribute

A prosperous New Year to all THOMPSON-STARRETT COMPANY

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UNREST IN LISBON; NO REVOLT

GOVERNMENT HASTENS TO DENY ROYALIST PLOT.

Manuel's New Mentor Also Says There's Nothing Doing—Portuguese Republicans in Two Camps—Royalists Waiting and Hoping for Anarchy to Come.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LISBON, Dec. 30.—The Portuguese Government, as was to be expected, has given out statements designed to counteract the reports of an approaching upheaval in Portugal, which are agitating the whole European press. No revolt has broken out, the Government says, and the stories of a threatened revolution are intentionally circulated by the republic's enemies. It does not, however, deny that there is unrest, and indeed there is so much independent confirmation of this that a denial would be childish.

Senhor Bendeira, the Portuguese Charge d'Affaires at Paris, admitted to-day that his Government is facing a number of difficult problems. The Republicans, he said, were divided into two camps, the Radicals, who think the Government is feeble and who want to move faster, and the Moderates, who support the Government. The struggle for power between the factions makes the position of the Government very difficult.

There is also some discontent among the employees in the public service, but this has not been declared, but there are about to be settled. Senhor Bendeira further declared that the departure of three cruisers from Lisbon was solely in connection with the cholera in Madeira.

Of a monarchical rising or a threatened coup d'etat there is certainly no confirmation. Immediate trouble from the monarchists is not looked for, but if the factional struggles lead to a condition of virtual anarchy, as seems possible, the royalists may find their opportunity. It is practically certain that King Manuel and his advisers have as yet done nothing that could be construed into an attempt to restore him to the throne.

The Marquis de Soveral, formerly Portuguese Minister to Great Britain, is now Manuel's intimate adviser. He says that neither Manuel nor himself has anything to do with the present trouble, nor are they aware of the conditions in Portugal beyond what they read in the newspapers. He declares that it is absurd to suggest that the Duke of Oporto is concerned in the trouble.

The Portuguese Legation in London asserts that the report of a royalist conspiracy was due to the arrest of a man in Lisbon for spreading a false rumor that such a conspiracy existed.

Nothing is known at the British Foreign Office of the report that the British Minister at Lisbon had requested that a warship be dispatched there. It is officially announced that the report received from the British representative in Lisbon in no way warrants the anticipation of trouble.

It may be that the authority without the doubt and anxiety of the British traders in Lisbon and Oporto, who, daily experiencing the restlessness of the populace and the indiscipline of the armed forces, augur an outbreak of anarchy and have sent to London for British flags to hoist on their premises.

Portuguese stocks at the London and Paris stock exchanges are depressed. Portuguese 3 per cent fell twenty points in Paris. There is still an absence of direct news from Lisbon.

Repetent reports reach here of internal trouble in Portugal, including the discovery of a monarchical plot in Lisbon. There are according to advices received here disturbances throughout the provinces.

The Spanish Government has received no official information concerning the situation.

Spanish Cabinet Crisis is Expected to Reach a Head To-day.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. MADRID, Dec. 30.—Several of the Ministers were seen interviewed to-day confirmed the statement that a Cabinet crisis is on and stated that the outcome would be known to-morrow.

On Sunday Premier Canalejas will bring up the question of a vote of confidence in the Government. On Monday the new Ministers will take the oath of office.

The only point which is not absolutely sure at present is whether only three Ministers will retire or whether more may leave the Cabinet.

SAILORS' HEARTY FAREWELLS. American Battleships Sail From Portland. Cheered by British Men-of-War Crews.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. PORTLAND, England, Dec. 30.—The battleships of the second division of the American Atlantic fleet, under command of Rear Admiral Charles Vreeland, sailed on Monday to-day to join the other divisions which are mobilizing preparatory to sailing for Guantanamo.

The vessels passed through lines of British warships on which bluejackets heartily cheered the American sailors. The bands on the American ships played "God Save the King" while those on the British warships responded with "Auld Lang Syne."

STORM CENTRE OF SPAIN. Strikes May Cripple Barcelona Industries. Defeated Radicals Walk Out.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. BARCELONA, Dec. 30.—Owing to the strike of the carriers and dock laborers there is a great scarcity of coal at the factories and it is thought that unless the trouble is quickly settled many industries will be crippled and thousands of employees thrown out of work.

The Municipal Council held an extraordinary session which lasted all last night. It rejected the budget presented by the committee of the Radicals. This excited the indignation of the Radical minority, who withdrew from the hall.

CHALLENGE POST AND HAWLEY. Germany Protests Against Award for Flight of America II.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. PARIS, Dec. 30.—Germany has protested against the James Gordon Bennett balloon award to Post and Hawley on the ground that the entry of the America II was not made within the stipulated period and that the America II's landing records are insufficient.

If the aeronautical conference to be held in January upholds the protest Gerstke will be declared the winner.

MANCHURIAN RAILWAY LOAN. To Be Open for Subscription Next Week.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 30.—The South Manchurian Railway loan will open for subscriptions early next week. It will be issued at 98 at 4 1/2 per cent.

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Very Good Coats, double breasted, with rows of buttons, sizes 2, 3 and 4 years, trimmed with silk, in a clearance sale to 99c day, Saturday, at 99c

Children's Coats, plain and fancy, trimmed with silk, velvet, and Cashmere cloth, coats trimmed with silk, sizes 2, 3 and 4 years; \$7.50 and \$8 values, at \$4.75

Girls' Dresses, plaid dresses, with pleat on front of waist; trimmed with plain colors and buttons; sizes 2, 3 and 4 years; \$1.29 at \$1.29

Beginning Tuesday, January 3rd Our 1911 White Goods Sale Muslin Underwear, Household Linens, Domestic, Bedclothes and Men's Shirts BLOOMINGDALES', Lex. to 3d Ave., 59th to 60th St.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE DISCORD

directs the Church? Mr. Cox was asked yesterday.

"The name was dropped because she