A COP AMONG THE ELDERS

LIEUT. BAKER'S VIEW OF A PRESBYTERIAN SESSION.

'Twas Damnable, Said Pastor Triplett for Him, Borrowing the Word He Heard Often When They Wouldn't Let Him Testify Against His Sister, Mrs. Miller.

Magistrate Corrigan continued yesterday the hearing by which he is trying to find out whether the Rev. J. Edwin Triplett, pastor of the Bedford Park Presbyterian Church, ought to be held for trial on the criminal libel charge made by Mrs. Nancy C. Miller, president of the ladies auxiliary of the Bedford Park Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Miller alleges that the pastor in his effort to make her and her husband resign their church memberships made serious charges against her character, some of which he put into writing, at the same time taking pains to see that the authorship of these documents was kept secret.

Victor J. Williams, one of the members of the Bedford Park church, who at first was one of the pastor's partisans and went sleuthing in the effort to get evidence against the Millers but who since has experienced what he would call a change of heart, was again the only witness called.

Under the questioning of Assistant District Attorney Train he said that early in November Lieut. Charles S. Baker of the Mercer street police station and George M. Bierbauer, an employee of the Bronx Zoo, went before the session to tell what they knew about the Millers. Baker is a brother of Mrs. Miller, and at a previous hearing Williams testified that Baker had told him that the Millers were "fit for hell."

Just what happened at the session's meeting Williams did not know because he wasn't there, but he said Pastor Triplett told him that the session browbeat the witnesses. He told of a meeting at the pastor's house held soon afterward at which Baker and Bierbauer were present. A letter to the Moderators' Council of the Presbyterian Church, complaining of Baker's treatment by the session, was evolved at this meeting.

"Baker said he wasn't much on grammar" said the witness, "so Mr. Triplett fixed up the letter and Baker signed it. Mr. Triplett said he had two colored ribbons on his typewriter, so that nobody would know that the letter and a previous statement of the case that had been read to the session were written by the same person."

A lot of copies were made for the different members of the Moderators' Council and Baker took most of them with him so as to mail them at a post office station near the Mercer street police station. Considering the fact that Lieut. Baker was appearing to make allegations detrimental to the character of his own sister, the letter is of interest. It was addressed to the Moderators' Council of the Presbyterian Church, and copies were sent to all the members, including the Rev. Jesse Forbes. Here it is:

Justice is justice and right is right, and because I believe this and daily seek to enforce both as a lieutenant of police I feel that I should communicate certain facts to you immediately.

I was asked to go to the Bedford Park Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, October 29, 1907, to tell as an impartial witness what I knew concerning the Honesty, Morality, Truthfulness, Respectability and Sobriety of your elder, Arthur Eugene Miller, and his wife, Nancy Corsa Miller. When I appeared before the session it was strikingly apparent to me in a moment that four of the elders were in reality acting as lawyers for the accused instead of being impartial jurors seeking to get at the naked facts and truth.

These elders asked and continued to ask questions in reference to my father's estate, he having died in November, 1858, and with which neither of the accused had anything to do. And these elders wished to go into details of said estate which were foreign to the matter for which I was called to testify. Only superficial questions were asked me concerning said A. E. Miller and his wife and when one who was not in league with these four elders asked me point blank as to the morals and respectability of Mrs. A. E. Miller, one of the four elders named Marshall cried out excitedly: "No, no, don't answer that question, that is damnable, damnable!" and kept repeating those words.

Another of these four elders named Martin, taking the cue from Marshall, shouted: "Yes, yes, and if the witness is willing to answer I will tell him not to answer!" Another of these elders named Read jumped from his seat and exclaimed: "Don't answer! In the face of Jesus Christ, don't ask that!" and threw his hands in the air and walked up and down the room in a frenzied manner, exclaiming "This is outrageous!" and then, catching the word "damnable" from Marshall, he continued in his frenzied manner to walk and also to pound the table at which the pastor was sitting with his fist and exclaiming every time he struck the table "This is damnable, damnable!"

And all through the questioning every effort was made by these four men (who are supposed to be pillars in your church) to protect A. E. Miller and his wife and to prevent me from telling the real facts which I had been asked to state.

I took little interest in the matter until after that evening's experience and now my sense of right and justice forces me to report the same to you. In the name of right why do you put such men into high places in your churches? If this is a sample of Presbyterianism I want none of it. However, I will not believe that you know what sort of men you have in these four elders. To say the least, their actions were beneath the dignity of officers in a so-called Christian church. In short, these four officers acted more like men possessed of the devil than Christian officers upholding right and justice; and if I may be allowed to use the expression of the elders, their actions were damnable and sacrilegious.

I have written the above facts at my own instigation because I feel it my duty, and such ought not to be allowed to pose as Presbyterian elders, and so long as they hold office the young pastor there, or any other pastor, will be like the label on the bottle—he will not be in it, with such men to handicap his efforts to preach the unvarnished gospel that I am used to, and I shall be glad to appear before you or any one else and protest against such injustice.

Hoping that for the sake of right you will inquire into this matter speedily, and that you will kindly inform me of your wishes in the matter, believe me, respectfully yours,

CHARLES S. BAKER,
Lieutenant of Police, Sixteenth Precinct,
New York city.

When the party left the pastor's house, Brother Williams said, the pastor followed them almost out to the sidewalk in his anxiety to tell them to be sure and not tell who really wrote the letter.

After Williams's first visit to the District Attorney he said he had a stormy interview with Pastor Triplett at which the pastor asked him: "Are you going to turn State's evidence?" The pastor also wanted him to let him cross-examine the witness on what he was going to tell the District Attorney.

"He said he was sorry I was going to talk," said Brother Williams, "because if I didn't the District Attorney would have to dig things up for himself."

George Gordon Battle, who appeared for Pastor Triplett, cross-examined Williams, who told him that after he had visited the District Attorney's office the minister had said to him: "You're a dandy, you are, you're trying to get out of this at my expense."

"Didn't you tell Mr. Triplett," asked Mr. Battle, "that Dr. Dillworth had told you that the Millers were going to bring a suit against you?"

"I don't think I did," replied Brother Williams. "I said that the Millers were going to make it hot for everybody concerned."

Brother Williams also admitted that he might have said that if he was found backing up any such stuff he would lose his job with the New York Telephone Company.

"Didn't you say that you had asked pardon of the Millers?"

"No, I said that I was going to drop the matter right where it was."

As Magistrate Corrigan is going away on his vacation soon the hearing was put over until February 4.

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GIVES CROWD AND POLICE A CHASE TO THE RIVER.

Caught Under Pier Head in Clothes He Was Trying On—Injured Man Recovers Sufficiently to Insist on Getting Them Back Before Prisoner Is Locked Up.

A shabbily dressed man entered the tailor shop of David Breger at 1049 First avenue about 9 o'clock last night and said that he wanted to get a suit and an overcoat. Breger showed him some suits made up and the man tried on a coat and waistcoat and an overcoat, all of which appeared to suit him. Then he tried on the trousers of the suit and said they were too long. Breger stooped down to measure the trousers and the man struck him violently on the right side of the head with a hammer which he had concealed in his hand.

Breger was stunned, but made an effort to hold the man. The latter in struggling to get away picked up an iron from a table and threw it at the tailor. Breger ducked and the iron went through a big looking glass. The assailant ran out into the street with Breger, his face covered with blood, in pursuit. A crowd formed and followed.

The man ran down Fifty-ninth street toward the East River. Policeman Sullivan rapped for help and joined in the chase. At Riverview terrace, right on the water's edge, the pursued man vaulted over the stone wall, dropping ten feet to the rocks below, and then crawled under a pier.

Sullivan, a lantern in one hand and a revolver in the other, was lowered over the wall. He went slowly along until he made out the man's hiding place and ordered him to come out. The fugitive obeyed meekly enough until he was standing upright. Then he soaked Sullivan good and hard in the jaw, knocking the policeman down. Sullivan got up and fought back, finally putting his revolver against the man's stomach and threatening to kill him if he didn't give up. That ended it.

Meantime Breger, weakened by loss of blood, had fallen in the street near the wall and the crowd pressed around until Policeman Thompson got an ambulance. Dr. Eckhardt took six stitches in a bad scalp wound. The tailor was better when some other policeman hauled Sullivan and his prisoner from the depths.

In the East Fifty-first street police station the man said that he was Frank Kromer, 22 years old, homeless and accustomed to live in lodging houses. He said he came here from Newark recently and was down and out and discouraged. When they were about to lock him up on charges of assault and robbery Breger said: "He's got my coat and vest on. Make him take them off."

Kromer's old clothes, wrapped in a bundle, had been found in the street. He had to resume them before he was taken to a cell. The overcoat he liked in Breger's place he had taken off when the tailor stooped down to take his measure for altering the trousers.

PRACTICAL TEST FOR PAVERS.

New Rule of the Civil Service Board Is in Effect.

The first examinations of pavers under the new civil service rule requiring not only a technical but a practical test began yesterday in a large yard at 123d street and Morningside avenue. The examinations will last four days and are under the supervision of Contractor John E. Quin.

The practical test consists of setting stone blocks and laying out work, and is done in a large shed in the yard covered in for the purpose. The new test was the result of agitation by the Pavers and Rammers Union, which said that many men who knew all about paving and the laying out of work in theory but who had no practical knowledge of paving were employed by the city.

Lehane to the Penitentiary.

Edward Lehane, who was shot by Detective Reardon of District Attorney Jerome's office in an election row in The McManus's district, was sentenced yesterday by Justice Dowling in the Supreme Court, Criminal Branch, to four months in the penitentiary. He pleaded guilty to assaulting Reardon. George Washington Plunkitt and other politicians were interested in Lehane.

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JEWISH EDITOR FOUND DEAD.

John Paley, of the "Jewish Daily News," a Well Known Writer, Killed by Gas.

John Paley, editor in chief of the *Jewish Daily News*, was found dead early yesterday at his home, 1330 Forty-fifth street, Brooklyn. He was sitting beside a table and a paper lay in his lap. Gas asphyxiation had caused death. The police reported it as a case of suicide, but Coroner's Physician Hartung, who investigated, found that death was accidental. The wind presumably had blown out the gas flame while the editor was sleeping.

Mr. Paley was a widely known Yiddish journalist and writer and for the last fourteen years had been in charge of the *Jewish Daily News*.

He was born thirty-seven years ago in a little town near Plaskina in the province of Minsk, Russia, and was educated at a Talmudical university. While at the university he organized a secret nationalist party among the students and was eventually forced to flee. He went to Libau and entered a rabbinical school and remained there until the Jews were ordered out of the place. Later he studied at Kovno and prepared to enter a university in Paris, but his parents had mapped out a business career for him and put him to work in Moscow. He got into trouble with the Russian police there and fled to the United States. On the way over he wrote a playlet depicting life among the Russian revolutionists and it was produced here not long after his arrival.

At the age of 20 Mr. Paley became editor of the *Volks Advokat* and later took charge of the *Jewish Press* in Philadelphia. He also published the *Volkswächter*, but it wasn't successful, and in 1893 he became editor of the *Jewish Daily News*. From the time he took charge the paper's circulation soared from 8,000 to 70,000.

He was a forceful writer and was the author of several books. He was an enthusiastic Jewish nationalist but a patriotic American citizen and at the time of his death was writing a history of the United States which was running serially in his newspaper. His pseudonym was Ben Amitai. He was the author of "The Black Gang" and also wrote the life of Spinoza, the philosopher. His wife, Sophia, and five children survive him. The Rev. Haim Zeb Paley, his father, is principal of a Yiddish school in Rochester, N. Y.

The funeral services will be conducted to-day by Don Abarbanel Lodge, No. 2, Order B'nai B'rith, and the interment will be in Washington Cemetery.

MORE TIME FOR NEW SUBWAY.

Hudson Company Promises to Run Cars to Fourteenth Street by March.

The Public Service Commission yesterday granted an application made by the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Company for an extension of time to begin operation of its road under the North River. Under the terms of the franchise given to the company by the old Rapid Transit Board the company was to be in operation between that part of the river over which the board had jurisdiction and the terminal at Greenwich and Christopher streets, by January 7, 1908. Afterward the company obtained permission to extend its subway under Sixth avenue to Thirty-third street and across town under Ninth street to Fourth avenue. The time allowed for the completion of these extensions will not expire until January 15, 1910.

In its communication to the commission, W. G. McAdoo, president of the company, stated that while the company would be prepared to start the operation of the tunnel between Hoboken and the Christopher street terminal on the stipulated time he did not think that the operation of the line between those two points would be of advantage to the public and he added that if the board would extend the time of the opening of the tunnel until March 7 next he would promise that by that date the company would be ready to operate its trains as far as Sixth avenue and Fourteenth street. It was because of this promise that the commission granted the extension asked for.

Carnegie Hero Fund Relief for Mine Accident Distress.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—The Carnegie Hero Fund commission at a special meeting to-day appropriated $35,000 to the Monongah mine disaster fund. The award is made under the section allowing the commission to give money to relieve distress. Action on the Naomi and Darr mine disasters will be taken later. Mr. Carnegie has personally given $2,000 to the sufferers.

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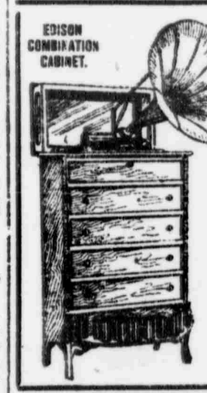

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GIRL'S COAT CUT; CROWD ANGRY.

Policeman Saves Man Accused by Commandeering a Trolley Car.

The quickness of Bridge Policeman Flaherty in commandeering a trolley car and rushing him out of reach saved Samuel Buchander of 121 Livonia avenue, Brooklyn, from a severe pummelling yesterday morning by an angry crowd.

Eva Roy, an eighteen-year-old telephone operator, of 1259 Forty-first street, Brooklyn, was crossing the Brooklyn Bridge in a shuttle train. She stood in front of her friend Helen Walsh of 671 Fortieth street, Brooklyn, who was seated, and Buchander stood close behind her. Suddenly Miss Walsh cried:

"Look out, he's cutting you."

As Buchander jumped away a V shaped cut a foot long could be seen in Miss Roy's coat.

The car was almost at the Manhattan end of the bridge then, and Buchander broke away from the crowd, jumped from the car and ran toward Park row. Flaherty grabbed Buchander, hustled him into a passing Fourth avenue car, dragged the girls aboard too and held the crowd off. The motorman ran the car without a stop to the Tombs police court.

Buchander was charged with wilfully destroying personal property. He denied that he had cut Miss Roy's coat, and no knife was found in his possession. Miss Walsh, however, swore that she saw him cut the gash, and Magistrate Droege held Buchander for trial in $500 bail.

Many women have recently been annoyed on the Brooklyn Bridge in a similar manner.

WIFE DEAD AT 91, HUSBAND AT 90.

One Funeral Service for Mary E. and Charles E. Poucher, Formerly of Oswego.

Mrs. Mary E. Poucher, 91 years old, died on Saturday of general debility at her home, 207 West Fifty-sixth street. The funeral was set for yesterday evening. Charles E. Poucher, her husband, a year younger had been ill for several days with pneumonia. When he was told of his wife's death his condition became worse and he died shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A service was held over both bodies last night by Dr. David G. Wylie of the Scotch Presbyterian Church at the home. The burial will be in Mount Hope cemetery to-day.

Mr. Poucher had been out of business for a number of years. He was at one time editor of a newspaper in Oswego. Mr. and Mrs. Poucher are survived by a son, George W. Poucher, and three grandsons, Rollins Poucher of 259 West 150th street, Edward Poucher and T. Dwight Poucher.

DISCUSS LOWER CAB FARES.

Independent Hackmen May Cut Rates and Use Taximeters.

The question of reducing the fare of 50 cents a mile to 25 cents a mile in view of the competition of the taximeter auto cabs was discussed for several hours last night at a meeting of the Public Hackmen's Association in American Hall, Eighth avenue and Forty-second street.

The meeting was called under the auspices of the supreme council of the association, President W. J. Ryan in the chair. The members of the association own their own cabs and it was admitted that the reputation they have achieved, rightly or wrongly, for overcharging had driven people from other cities into taking street cars in preference to cabs when they come to New York.

One of the speakers was very frank about this. He said that in other capitals people of average means were not afraid to ride in cabs because they knew they would not be overcharged. New York had such a bad name in this respect, he said, that tourists were always warned against the New York hack drivers. He said a rigid reduction of the fares and the use of a taximeter was the only remedy.

The general sentiment of the meeting was against either a reduction of fares or the use of the taximeter, while the officers of the organization were in favor of both. A long discussion took place, in which two of the disputants nearly came to blows. It was admitted that the trade among the hackmen was dwindling alarmingly.

Finally it was decided to refer the questions both of adopting the taximeter and the reduction of fares to the supreme council, which will meet on Thursday. Its findings will have to be ratified by a referendum vote before they can be put into effect.

The Seagoers.

Sailing to-day by the White Star liner Majestic for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton:

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Hyde, E. C. Jenkins, James C. Hyde, Mrs. W. M. Low, J. R. Mott, Mansfield Merriman, Robert Shackleton, Robert S. Mansel and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hurrey.

Passengers by the Holland-America liner Potsdam, off to-morrow for Boulogne and Rotterdam:

David J. Hill, American Minister to the Netherlands; Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Cordley, Herbert R. F. Horton and Mrs. M. Baird.

Maniac Not Abused Coroner Says.

Coroner Schlemm of West Hoboken said last night that Alphonse Saigle, who died in the county insane asylum at Snake Hill, was not abused at that institution or at the county jail, where he was confined previously. He had learned that the bruises on Saigle's body were self-inflicted.

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Empire THEATRE, B'way & 40th st. Evs. 8:15. Ladies' Bds. Thurs. & Sat., 2:15. TO-NIGHT AT 8:15. MAUDE ADAMS 11 Evs. & 3 Matinees. PETER PAN Matinees This Week, Thurs. & Sat. Matinee Next Week, Wed., Thurs. & Sat.
HUDSON 44th st., near B'way. Eve. 8:20. Mats. Wed. and Sat., 2:15. BEGINNING TO-MORROW NIGHT ETHEL BARRYMORE in her new play, HER SISTER. By Clyde Fitch & Gosmo Gordon Lennox.
CRITERION THEATRE, B'way & 44th St. Evgs. 8:20. Mat. Xmas & Sat. 2:15. MAT. TO-MORROW. LAST 7 TIMES. MARIE DORO THE MORALS OF MARCUS. Next Mon.—MISS HOOK OF HOLLAND.
GARRICK 35th St., near B'way. Eve. 8:30. Mats. Xmas & Sat. 2:15. MATINEES TO-MORROW & SAT. MAXINE ELLIOTT AND HER LONDON COMPANY UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE
KNICKERBOCKER. B'way and 38th St. Ev. 8:15. Mats. Xmas., Sat., 2:15. "Richie Rand" Victor Moore in Geo. M. Cohan's THE TALK OF NEW YORK.
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AMERICAN Xmas Matinee To-morrow. The Rocky Mountain Express.

Changes on the B. R. T. on January 1.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company will abolish on January 1 the office of general superintendent and chief engineer, and W. S. Menden, the incumbent, will become assistant general manager. Chief Engineer A. N. Dutton, at present assistant to Mr. Menden, will become superintendent of transportation.

Mrs. Eddy Plans Aid for the Poor.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—A movement to establish a million dollar Christian Science institution devoted to helping the poor is announced through the *Christian Science Sentinel*. The project is said to have orginated with Mrs. Eddy.

AMUSEMENTS.

NEW AMSTERDAM THEATRE, 42d St. West of B'way. Evgs. 8:15. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:15. HENRY W. SAVAGE offers THE MERRY WIDOW The Musical Sensation of 3 Continents. Seats 6 Weeks Ahead. No Mail Orders Filled.
BROADWAY THEATRE, B'way & 41st St. Evgs. 8:15. Mats. Wed. & Sat. Gala Holiday Matinee To-morrow. Last 2 Weeks THE ROUND UP
LIBERTY THEATRE, 42d st., West of Broadway. Evgs. 8:15. Mat. Sat. FREDERIC THOMPSON presents POLLY OF THE CIRCUS by MARGARET MAYO. Christmas and New Year's Matinees.
NEW YORK THEATRE. Mat. Daily, 25 & 50c. Evgs. 25, 50, 75c. & $1.00. Josephine Cohan & Co., Fred Niblo, Jack Norworth and 10 more, incl. Jewell's Manikins. HARDEEN The Handcuff Wonder.
MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE. 34th St., nr. 8th Av. TO-MORROW (CHRIST.) AT 2 DAY. POP. PRICES, 50c. 80 MATINEE, at 2—TALES OF HOFFMANN. Miles. Zeppilli, de Cisneros, Giaconia; MM. Renaud, Cazauran, Gilibert. Mus. Dir., Campanini. TO-MORROW (WED) EVE., at 8—AIDA. Mmes. Russ, de Cisneros; MM. Zenatello, Arcone. Mus. Dir., Campanini. THURS. NIGHT, at 8, POP. PRICES (75c.-$3) DOUBLE BILL—LA NAVARRAISE and I PAGLIACCI. Mlle. Gerville-Reache; MM. Dalmores, Crabbe, Arimondi, Gianoli-Galletti. Mme. Zeppilli; MM. Bassi, Sammarco, Crabbe. Mus. Dir., Campanini. FRIDAY NIGHT, at 8—THE MASKED BALL. Mmes. Russ, de Cisneros; MM. Zenatello, Arimondi. Mus. Dir., Campanini. (Owing to continued indisposition of MISS GARDEN, "LOUISE" postponed till January 3.) SAT. MAT., at 2—DON GIOVANNI. Mmes. Russ, Jomelli, Zeppilli; MM. Renaud, Cazauran, Gilibert. Mus. Dir., Campanini. SAT. NIGHT, at 8—Popular Prices (75c.-$3.)—ERNESTO. Mlle. Zeppilli; MM. Bassi, Sammarco, Gilibert. Mus. Dir., Campanini. SPECIAL—TUES., DEC. 31 (New Year's Eve), at 8 (75c.-$3). Grand Double bill—CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA and I PAGLIACCI. SPECIAL—WED., JAN. 1st, MATINEE (New Year's Day), at 2 (50c.-$3)—CARMEN.
METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE. Wed. (Xmas Day), Dec. 25, Mat. at pop. prices, at 3—HAENSEL UND GRETEL. Alten, Mattfeld, Langendorff, Weed; Gordz, Cond., Hertz. Wed. Eve., Dec. 25, at 8—IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA. Sembrich; Bonci, Campanari, Challapine, Barocchi. Cond., Ferrari. Thurs. Eve., Dec. 26, at 8—IRIS. Emma Eames, La Fornia; Caruso, Scotti, Journet, Tecchi. Cond., Ferrari. Fri. Eve., Dec. 27, at 7:30—DIE MEISTERSINGER. Gadski, Mattfeld; Knote, Van Rooy, Goritz, Blass, Reiss, Muhlmann. Cond., Hertz. Sat. Aft., Dec. 28, at 2—AIDA. Zenovich, Homer; Caruso, Journet, Barocchi, Dufriche. Cond., Ferrari. Sat. Eve., pop. prices, at 8—MEFISTOFELE. Farrar, Rappold, Jacoby, Gilardi; Challapine, Martin, Tecchi. Cond., Ferrari. WEBER PIANO USED.
CARNEGIE HALL. 35TH SEASON. ORATORIO SOCIETY of New York. Frank Damrosch, Conductor. Thurs. Evg., Dec. 26, at 8:15. Sat. Aft., Dec. 28, at 2:15. The Messiah. Soloists: Mrs. Corinne Rider-Kelsey, Miss Margaret Keyes, Mr. Dan Beddoe, Miss Evelyn Fogg, Mr. Day S. Blighan. Tickets at Office, 1 W. 34th St., and at Box Office.
ACADEMY OF MUSIC. 14th St. & Irving Pl. Matinee Christmas. Last Week. The Lion and the Mouse. Prices 25c. to $1.50. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2. Eve. 8:15. Next Week, DAVID BELASCO presents THE ROSE OF THE RANCHO with Frances Starr.
BERKELEY THEATRE, 44th St., 5th Av. Evgs. 8:20. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:20. ARNOLD DALY CO. LAST 2 WEEKS. CANDIDA MR. DAVID BISPHAM Vocal Matinees. Extra Mat. To-morrow. Dec. 30-31 and Jan. 3.
HAMMERSTEIN'S 25, 50, 75c. $1.00. DAILY MATS. 25 & 50c. EVA TANGUAY, Jas. J. Morton, Felix Barry & Co., Meredith Sisters, Gracie Emmett & Co., Will R. Rogers, etc. Continuation of Motion Pictures of the TOMMY BURNS-GUNNER MOIR FIGHT.
PASTOR'S 14th St. 3d Av. CONTINUOUS. 20 AND 30 Cts. UNA CLAYTON & CO. LES JUNDITS. CHARON-MORAN CO. MATINEE TO-DAY. TO-NIGHT OPEN 11 A. M.
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BIJOU B'way & 30th St. Tel. 1530 Mad. Sq. Evs. 8:20. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:20. Sole Agt. IBSEN'S A DOLL'S HOUSE LAST WEEK. NAZIMOVA in THE COMET. Mme. NAZIMOVA in THE COMET.
Blaney's LINCOLN SQ. B'way, 66th St. Eve. 8:15. TO-DAY MATINEE, 25.50c. THE BAD BOY AND HIS TEDDY BEARS
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