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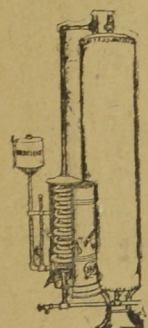
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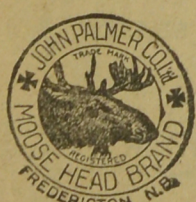
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BROADWAY DESCRIBED AS A STREET FOR SUCKERS

Hotel Rates in New York Have Gone Up Some Since the First of July—A Highball is Still Obtainable, but it Costs a Town Lot to Get One—Hotels Now Have a High Protective Tariff and Theatres are Following Suit—No Good Show Can be Seen for Less Than \$3 a Seat.

(Boston Post)

New York, Aug. 6.—They could call it Broadway as easy as not. Ought to, in fact. Give it a trial and you'll say Broadway is a street for suckers. And it only gets by because there's one born every minute, which is about the same rate they go broke.

Generally understood that living expenses are high in New York. Dyeing expenses are stiff, too; but a lot of blondes are still holding out. Germany cornered the peroxide market, but not badly enough to bother the blondes. Nothing bothers the blondes but prohibition, and it vexes a lot of other nice people, too.

High But Not Dry

As far as prohibition's concerned New York is high but not dry. Plenty of places you can get a highball but you have to pay a month's rent or so to do it. No highball is worth that much, but there are a bunch of folks in this town that don't see it that way. That's why Broadway's a street for suckers.

Hotel rates are all up since the first of July. Ordinarily New York would be a dull town in summer and the hotels would be glad to get 'em at any old price. But this season with dogdays barking on the heels of each other the city's jammed with out-of-towners and a room's worth a small town house lot.

Packed With Out-of-Towns

Don't know why the place is peopled. Only obvious reason is that they want to spend money. Give 'em credit for some sense, though—they certainly came to the right place. Couple of summers ago there were just six Broadway theatres running. Nothing like capacity either. Today there are 26 houses open and at least eight of them are housing capacity hits.

A gent that's looking for a good time goes to a good hotel, takes in a herd of shows and dines out. Always has; always will. And it's just in those three departments that Broadway's waiting to jump on a guy's bankroll.

Hotels Go Republican

Almost every hotel in town has gone Republican. All have a high protective tariff. Soon as the summer season opened and the spendthrifts came in from the sticks rates went up in the air for a spin. Three dollar rooms now four or four and a half.

A few years ago they used to call the ordinary first class attraction a \$2 show. Meant that the best seats on the floor retailed at \$2 a copy. Two dollars today will land you half way up in the first balcony. You're lucky to go to the movies now for \$2. The shows with the biggest draws are getting \$2.50 and \$3 a seat at the box office—on Saturday night, you can't go to any music show for less than \$3 at the box office. Big joke is, though, that you rarely can get anything there.

\$3.85 for a Seat

Almost any goof knows the last place to get theatre tickets is the box office. They have agencies in the midst of the white light zone and on side streets and in back alleys where you can get seats in the first ten rows; but not at the box office. So you go to a scalping agency to get a ticket. Say it's to a \$3 show. You pay \$3 for the ticket. 50 cents for the broker's edge, and 35 cents war tax. Total, \$3.85—for one seat. If you want a good seat for the best show in town—don't have to mention the name, but it's a national institution—you pay \$4.40 for a ring-side seat.

Balcony prices for the hits are scaled at \$2 and \$1.50 usually. Sometimes you can get the 14th or 15th row in the balcony for \$1, but it won't be much of a show. That's what it costs in old New York for the pieces that are really worth seeing. Attractions that miss fire but are still good enough for the don't care trade can be had for \$2 in the orchestra, or even less by patronizing the cut rate joints.

New York's not the only place where seats to successes come high. Wait till some of the Broadway hits strike the road—which includes Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago. Ziegfeld's Follies, now turning them away at its summer stand on Forty-second street amazed the natives last year by asking \$3 a seat at the boxoffice. This year when the attraction moves for its annual tour, the orchestra prices will be scaled at \$3.50 a copy.

Take Barnum Seriously
Well, after you go to a show, take

a trip to a cabaret. Some of the famous joints are closed—couldn't stand the loss of bar receipts—but those that are still weathering it are getting nice money for what they serve. Cabarets that offer pretentious entertainments soak you a cover charge of \$1 a plate. That is you pay to get inside to buy stuff at terrible prices. Barnum was right in his day, but he never had an idea they'd take him as seriously as they have.

Broadway spendthrift rendered a report of a tame time he had the other night. He brought three friends in for a quaff of something before they went to a show. Asked for something stimulating, but he didn't have the right wink; so they served him grape juice. Grape juice, for four persons. Cost this bird \$9 to make an exit. Itemized robbery was as follows: Cover charge four persons at \$1 each, \$4; grape juice four persons at \$1 a glass (of grape juice, ye gods!) \$4 and \$1 for the waiter's tip. Nice little party he gave 'em, wot? And cheap too.

Just to prove all the marks aren't on Broadway, one of the swell places at Long Beach, a favorite seaside retreat for weary and unwary New Yorkers thought it would take a stab at Broadway prices. They don't get such an overwhelming trade, but they don't have to—as a glance at their tariffs will show.

A game guy with more bullion than brains brought his gang into the Long Beach stick-up pavilion and blew himself and four friends to a bottle of beer apiece. One of the gals was hungry—she ordered a chicken sandwich. Music and lyrics of the bill are as follows:

Five bottles beer \$3.75
One chicken sandwich .. 1.00
Cover charge 2.50

Terrible total .. \$7.25

Wouldn't that ruin your afternoon? 'Tisn't the swell places alone that are practising larceny. Since prohibition stepped in on us there are large flocks of bar flies that go in search of the tobacco hard stuff. And there are plenty of places to find it. But because the restaurateur is taking a chance with the law—a chance that has proved very slim thus far—he feels free to soak 'em as much as they'll stand.

Prohibition a Success

That's why a middle-class joint, or even a third-rate stand, will ask for \$1 apiece for every highball. About the lowest money you can get any sort of hard stuff for is 75 cents—anywhere. A slug of the worst whiskey or three fingers of bum wine are good for 50 cents of \$1 on the cash register.

And there you are. So far as the restaurant robbery goes, prohibition is a success. And so long as the one-

Political Railroading

Government operation of the United States railways is becoming more of a farce under peace conditions than it was in the most strenuous days of the war. It will be recalled that Mr. McAdoo recommended to Congress before he retired from the directorship of the railways that government operation should be continued over a period of five years, in order that the country might judge and pass judgment on the respective merits of government and private operation.

For the month of April the railways showed an increase in the volume of business of 4.9 per cent.; but there was a decrease of 63.7 in net income. This loss in net was registered despite the fact that freight and passenger rates have been increased about 50 per cent. since the government took over the railways and began to operate them. The promising increase in net earnings during peace conditions proved to be false prophecy; there has been a steadily-increasing deficit.

During the first four months of the present year there has been a net loss for railway operation of \$185,000,000, notwithstanding the increased rates. The financial expert of the New York Times gives the following figures relating to government operation this year, taken from the records of the Federal Department of Railways:—

In comparison with the three-year average upon which the government rents the railways there was an increase of \$110,117,000 in gross earnings and a loss of \$41,182,000 in net income. (This is for April only.) Over the four months of this year

there was an increase of \$447,950,000 in gross earnings and a decrease of \$174,412,000 in net income. The loss of 72 per cent. in net earnings LEFT FOR THE GOVERNMENT \$65,804,000 WITH WHICH TO PAY \$240,216,000.

What more convincing object lesson of the failure of government ownership could be asked than those two totals, an increase of \$447,000,000 in gross earnings and a decrease of \$174,000,000 in net earnings? That means a difference of more than \$600,000,000 between government and private operation in the short period of four months, or of \$1,800,000,000 in a single year.

Part of that loss is due to mismanagement and part of it to padding the railroad pay rolls. Senator Cummins, formerly an advocate of government ownership, read statistics in the Senate recently to back his assertion that there were 200,000 useless men in the employ of the Railway Administration. He said the whole of them could be cut off without injuring the service in the least. In other words, there are more than 200,000 purely political positions under the railway management.

Little wonder that the Democrats have cut government ownership from their party platform and that even the radical supporters of Senator Johnson failed to make any mention of it in their "Progressive" platform. In 1912 and again in 1916 the Progressives made government ownership a headline in their policies. Now the idol has fallen so low that none will do it reverence.—From the Los Angeles Times.

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MADE BARN TOO SOLID

Junction City, Kan., Aug. 8.—There is such a thing as taking too great precautions against Kansas zephyrs, says L. Tully, a farmer living near this place. In past years the freakish Kansas storms have unroofed his barns and caused considerable damage. When he built a new barn last fall he used long iron bolts and fastened the roof to the sides, the bolts extending two feet into the timbers. Then came the usual wind storm. When it found the roof would not lift from the barn it demolished the entire barn.

A minute birth rate isn't curtailed dear old Broadway will manage to stagger along.

BELGIUM'S FARM LANDS

Brussels, Aug. 9.—The Belgian government has undertaken a vast project for reclaiming the devastated farm lands in the battle zone. The farms will be taken over from their owners and worked under the latest scientific principles and then returned in first class condition to them.

WANTS TO TALK TO MARS

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 6.—Prof. Avis Todd, Amherst University, who has instruments with which he believes he can communicate with Mars, if he reaches a great enough height, will make another attempt to reach the planet soon, according to Balcon Instructor Leo Stevens, Fort Omaha. Prof. Todd will accompany Stevens in his height endurance tests at the fort. Prof. Todd has made two other attempts to communicate with Mars, one from the top of the Andes mountain in South America and the other from a balloon piloted by Stevens in Omaha.

TO ONE MOUSE—\$32.50

Topeka, Aug. 6.—Members of the office force of a produce company here especially the stenographer, were all wrought up when they found a mouse in a pie which was to have formed part of a lunch. The mouse and pie went out of the window. A delegation went to the food office to complain. The pie merchant went to court and \$32.50 in fine and costs went to the city treasury.

When aircraft become as plentiful as automobiles and fly about dripping oil and spare parts, the cities to be safe will need to erect gigantic steel umbrellas.

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