

### ABOUT NEW YORK

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. — Dance halls are to be made safe for New York's womanhood. A squad of Commissioner Whalen's patrolmen will see to that.

But Rose of Delancy street wants no "woman cop" around the Aurora Gardens, where she dances nightly for her cakes and coffee. Rose says she is able to take care of herself; she is afraid police interference might scare the dollars away.

Rose formerly was "hostess" in a Broadway dance hall—a taxi dancer whose companionship in one-sets and waltzes could be had for \$2.80 a hour. Out of every 35 cent dance ticket, she turned in, Rose collected 25 cents. It was fairly good pay, Rose thought, and occasionally some "lonely egg with plenty of cash" would hire her for "company" on a night club expedition. Everything, of course, was strictly "on the up and up."

But the night club racket slumps, the big-money customers quit coming to the dance hall, unescorted "amateurs" were willing partners for the young fellows who did come, and hostessing in polite surroundings became less lucrative, sometimes hardly paying for the stockings rose wore out.

"One of the Girls"

Rose, therefore, went up the fringe of Harlem, to Aurora Gardens, which is not exactly the name of the cramped, dingy, dimly-lighted hall where she now is "one of the girls." "All proceeds of next Thursday's dance will go to the girls," reads a sign.

"The girls" are 18 in number, and of indefinite ages. They have no competition from "amateurs," for girls not employed in the place are barred. Usually about 50 men are lined up at the railing around the floor. When not dancing, it is the girls' duty to promote business. "Dontcha want to buy some tickets?" wheedles Rose. "Aw, come on!"

Six tickets sell for a dollar, and entitle the purchaser to 12 dances. It sounds like a lot, but 12 dances means about 15 minutes on the floor. The orchestra plays on without stopping, the drummer rapping on the edge of the drums to signify that a new dance has begun. Rose keeps count and when the six tickets have been used up, steers her partner to the gate.

Dance Shop

There is no gaiety, no laughter, but the feeling that one has come to buy diversion, like candy, from an impersonal saleswoman whose smile means nothing. The two burly "bouncers" on the floor might be a pair of floorwalkers.

Rose makes about ten same percentage on the tickets that she made down on Broadway, and averages about \$45 for a week of sev-

en nights' dancing. Most of it, she says, she takes home to her mother; her own "cleany, East Side clothes indicate that she spend little on herself.

So perhaps Rose is not a "hard" as she looks, although she says she can handle any "fresh sap" and she emphatically does not want a "woman cop" around to "cramp her style."

### BUNKERVILLE

A basketball game was played here Friday, Virgin vs. Las Vegas. The result was 12 to 1 in favor of Virgin.

Work was begun here Monday on the highway running through town.

Mr. Lynn Adams has returned to the St. George Hospital where he will receive more medical treatment.

### PERSONAL

M. V. Duetcher and E. R. Mills of the John P. Mills Company of San Diego left today for San Diego after several days spent here.

Anton Abbott, son of W. E. Abbott of Mesquite has been appointed an assembly attache for this season.

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### SQUIBS

By AN OBSERVANT CITIZEN

Just a few observations around town:

Dust. "Hot and Handsome" sign in Ed. Stinson's window.—Who? Prosperous looking men standing on the street corners, talking in thousands. Dust. A long line of strangers at the general delivery window in the post office. A horse

and buggy on Fremont street, looking strangely out of place. Dust. Hope the paving starts soon. Signs of spring—a robin hopping merrily over the lawn. Daffodils in bloom in many gardens. Strawberries and rhubarb in the markets. Beggars of all kinds on the streets. A ragamuffin band. Dust. Teachers and scholars happy. School year half over. Sunshine. Las Vegas gets more sunshine in one month than Los Angeles gets in a year. That will hold Los Angeles for a while. Snow on the mountains. Near enough. Sign on the highway, "You need my Map." I wonder. Little boys playing marbles. Big boys playing real estate.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 24. (AP)—New and hopeful prospects for industrial peace in Sweden have been established by a delegation composed of employers and workers. The delegation was sponsored by a national conference of workmen and industrialists.

MOSCOW, Jan. 24. (AP)—Russian air routes increased 88 per cent during the past year. The total is now 11,971 kilometres. The number of passengers transported during the year was 8,653, an increase of 2 2/3 per cent. There were no casualties on any of the air lines.

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LIVERPOOL, England, Jan. 24. (AP)—Roast whale has found a place on Liverpool menus. It is imported from New Zealand and is served in the form of steaks. It tastes like salt beef and sells for 10 cents a pound.

KADIKUEY, Turkey, Jan. 24. (AP)—A wealthy pasha in this Constantinople suburb requires a new girl to serve his coffee every day in the year. The only condition for employment is blond hair.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 24. (AP)—There are 6,933 Catholic churches in Mexico. Government figures just made public estimate their value at \$60,000,000.

CAP-MARTIN, France, Jan. 24. (AP)—The local populace has accepted a well founded report that King George of England will spend his period of convalescence at the Grand Hotel du Cap. The entire hotel would be turned over to the royal party in such an event.

## Daughter Gets Auto In Lien Of Dad's Kiss

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—If this story gets to Salvador before the Panama Mail liner "El Salvador," now en route to New York via the Spanish Americas, a perfectly wonderful surprise for Miss Enriqueta Vides, daughter of the vice president of Salvador will be spoiled.

Just prior to sailing time the other day a shiny new automobile was driven on the Panama Mail dock. Captain Henry Stephenson of the "El Salvador" received for it and casually called to Miss Vides who was sailing as a passenger to pose for a few pictures with the machine. Very graciously she consented and the cameraman shot several plates to the accompaniment of many exclamations of delight from Miss Vides over the wonders and comforts of the new car.

As the last visitor trotted down the gangplank at the final warning of the siren, the car was swung aboard and lowered gently into the hold. Miss Vides watched the proceedings with interest and commented to Captain Stephenson on the good fortune of the owner.

Now comes the surprise. The car belongs to Miss Vides and she doesn't know it. Here's the way of it!

Miss Vides graduated at the end

of the Christmas term from a fashionable school at Palo Alto where she has been a student for the last four years. Owing to his business interests and the duties of his office Senor Gustavo Vides, her father, was unable to attend the commencement exercises. He did not forget his daughter three thousand miles away, however.

Captain Stephenson who in his many years in the Panama Mail service has made many fast friendships in the Lands Between and who is a particularly warm friend of Vice-President Vides received a radio tow days before sailing authorizing him to buy a car suitable for a sweet girl graduate, and telling him to bring the girl and car on the "El Salvador." Secrecy was enjoined.

Captain Stephenson rushed forth and sailed the seas of automobile row in hectic quest of an appropriate car. He spent one whole day and part of another examining the many new models on display in the various showrooms. Finally he decided on a Model 57 Buick and the transaction which made Miss Vides the unknowing owner of an automobile was concluded.

The formal presentation to Miss Vides will be made by her father and Captain Stephenson when the liner arrives in Salvador.

## Group Hopes For Funds To Restore Mark Twain Home

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 22. — He needs no bronze or stone memorial.

Yet we keep his home a sign to all of our deep debt to him whose Found lusty joy along the common way.

Based, perhaps on the foregoing lines written about Mark Twain, a project is nearing realization to make the famous American humorist's home here a shrine to his memory.

An option on the home expires February 1. By that date Miss Katherine Seymour Day, a descendant of Harriet Beecher Stowe and head of the memorial committee, hopes to have received the sum asked by the present owners of the property. The figure fixed under the option is \$155,000, and an additional \$45,000 is being sought to meet repairs and provide furnishings and maintenance. Efforts to save the home as a shrine began nine years ago.

In this rambling old structure on Farmington avenue, Samuel L. Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, lived until 1891.

Here he wrote "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn," "The Prince and the Pauper" and other books. His close neighbors included Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and Charles Dudley Warner.

Here such noted literary figures as William Dean Howells, Rudyard Kipling, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Bret Harte and others were Mark Twain's guests.

As a shrine the house would reveal Twain's eccentricities. Restored as the author himself arranged it, the kitchen would face the street "that the servants might watch the circus parade without having to run through the house." The place where his billiard table and famous barrel of cigars stood would be indicated.

The homestead has been called by Albert Bigelow Paine, biographer of the humorist, the "happy residence." But by those artistically inclined here it has often been referred to as "the house with the ugly roof."

The design of the roof, however, did not prevent Twain from coining such gems as: "Truth is the most valuable thing we have. Let us economize it." Or "If the desire to kill and the opportunity to kill always come together, who would escape hanging?" Or yet again, "Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed."

Besides being used as a shrine to the author, the home would serve as a branch of the public library and the home of two children's clubs. In recent years it

has been used as an apartment house. Those in the group seeking to save the home are the Friends of Hartford, Inc.

OTTAWA, Canada, Jan. 22. (AP)—The fur coat has established itself as an economic factor. Not only is it bringing wealth and style to the boulevards, but it is sending comparative wealth and comfort to the trappers who obtain the essential pelts.

According to advices reaching here from the Canadian northwest, trappers are becoming prosperous with an average per capita income of \$5,000 to \$10,000, ranking among the highest in the dominion, and are using their increased buying power to obtain elaborate equipment for their woodland shacks.

Men who must shut to trading posts with sled loads of furs return with cargoes of radios, talking machines, sewing machines, canned fruits, cigars and other good things of modern civilization which a few years ago were regarded in the northland as unattainable luxuries. Radio sets are said to be especially popular because the fur region is shut off from civilization many months of each year.

Even native Eskimos are reported sharing the prosperity and forsaking their kayaks for motor boats with which to cruise in the Arctic ocean.

## THIS and THAT

By NORREF

Starting at the Battery in New York City, every little while you come to what they call a "square." Washington Square, Madison Square, Herald Square, and so on, all the way up to 59th Street and Central Park. Wherever there is a "square," there is a small PARK. In the spring, when the grass is coming up and the tulips are blooming—right in the hearts of the busy marts of commerce—with the subways rushing underneath and the elevated overhead, you can sit down on a bench amid pleasant surroundings, and realize that here in the biggest and busiest city in the world, man had forethought enough to plan a little for beauty and comfort.

Is there a lesson in this for us here in Las Vegas? Can we not, NOW, while our big growth is still ahead, provide a little comfort and beauty for those who follow after us—to say nothing about OUR OWN pleasure? Chicago considers its wonderful "park system" one of its biggest assets. Pershing Square in Los Angeles is considered to be worth millions to that city. Proper parks and proper zoning are of inestimable value to a city.

Street lighting is another thing. Not only necessary and important, but worth real dollars and cents to everyone in the community. Not very expensive either.

I saw an ad one time, headed "The Penalty of Greatness." With Boulder Dam building, and our population increased many times, it's up to Las Vegas to accept the responsibility that our up-building will incur. And that responsibility includes making our city what it can and should be. Let us not overlook the retention of as much beauty as possible along with the necessary improvement.

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BAN IMAGE  
TOKYO, Jan. 24. (AP)—Official permission for the erection in Tokyo of a Sun-Yat-Sen statue has been refused. Government officials explain that "under present circumstances," the erection of such an image would be inappropriate.

LONDON, Jan. 18. (AP)—Advices from India said that former King Ananullah of Afghanistan was gathering support for an attempt to recover his throne, lost to Habibullah Khan.