



## Side 11

### Mayor, Snyder [Character Men] (&Pulitzer)

*(The MAYOR, SEITZ, BUNSEN, and PULITZER are in a heated discussion. KATHERINE sits, listening quietly.)*

**MAYOR**

... but I've read your editorials, Mr. Pulitzer. How can you express so much sympathy for the trolley workers and yet have none for the newsies?

**PULITZER**

Because the trolley workers are striking for a fair contract. The newsies are striking against me!

**MAYOR**

I'd spare you this embarrassment if I could, but the burlesque house is private property.

**PULITZER**

Mr. Mayor, would the fact that this rally is organized by an escaped convict be enough to shut it down?

**MAYOR**

An escaped convict?

**PULITZER**

A fugitive from one of your own institutions. A convicted thief, at large, reeking mischief on our law-abiding community.

*(turns his desk chair around to reveal SNYDER and holds out the newspaper)*

Mr. Snyder, which one is he?

**SNYDER**

*(pointing to the photo)*

That one there: Jack Kelly.

**MAYOR**

And how do you know this boy?

**SNYDER**

His is not a pleasant story. He was first sentenced to my Refuge for loitering and vagrancy, but his total disregard of authority has made him a frequent visitor.

**MAYOR**

You called him a thief and escaped convict.

**SNYDER**

After his release I caught him myself, red handed, trafficking stolen food and clothing. He was last sentenced to six months, but the willful ruffian escaped.

**PULITZER**

So you'd be doing the city a service removing this criminal from our streets.

**MAYOR**

If that's the case, we can take him in quietly and-

**PULITZER**

*(exploding)*

What good would quiet do me? I want a public example made of him.