

NAVAL RESERVE'S SECRET HISTORY. Persuades the Appropriation Committee to Remember It in the Budget.

WILL RECEIVE \$10,000. Senator Johnson Assumes All the Blame for the House Disbandment Bill.

NO MALICE AGAINST RESERVE. Commander Washington Irving, Major Lenz and Others Support, in Able Speeches, the Organization's Claims to Support.

Trenton, March 29.—The New Jersey Naval Reserve won another victory today and persuaded the joint Appropriation Committee that it should be remembered in the legislative budget.

Commander Washington Irving, Lieutenant Arthur A. Harvey, Lieutenant Arthur H. Colby and other officers of the Battalion of the East appeared before the committee.

Lieutenant-Commander Davis, of the Battalion of the West, was also present and spoke in defence of the Reserve.

Major Carl Lenz, chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee, appeared and spoke in behalf of the Newark division of the Reserve.

Commander Irving presented to the committee letters asking an appropriation for the Reserve from Mayor Seymour, of Newark; Mayor Egan, of Hoboken; Edwin A. Stevens, of Hoboken; E. F. C. Tomaz, of Jersey City, and other prominent gentlemen.

There were also several bulky petitions from Hoboken, Jersey City, Newark, Plainfield and Elizabeth.

The hearing was held in the Senate chamber before a large audience. In opening Senator Johnson said the history of the House Disbandment bill had been misunderstood, and he thought an injustice had been done Mr. DeLouise.

He said the question of disbanding the Naval Reserve was considered last year. He personally thought the Reserve should be supported by the National Government rather than the State.

He then referred to the difficulties met with in the matter of appropriation.

"I want it plainly understood," said the Senator, "that the bill to disband was introduced at the request of the committee by Mr. DeLouise."

My sole reason in doing so was to help protect the State treasury. There is no malice or prejudice against the Naval Reserve.

Captain Irving thanked Senator Johnson for stating plainly his objections to the Reserve. He said he could meet every objection made by the Senator and would confine himself merely to the question of appropriation.

He said: "If there is no intention of reducing the organization there seems to be no adequate reason for withholding the sums necessary to its proper support."

My only course can be construed as a reflection of the kindred kind. There can be but three reasons why the Naval Reserve should not be accorded the same rank as the Army and Navy.

First, because its utility is not commensurate with its expense; third, because of its inefficiency or lack of proper discipline.

Having shown that none of these reasons existed, Commander Irving indicated how the Reserve would be useful in case of war or insurrection.

"We would not only be able to drive clotters from the water front, save property and prevent looting," he said, "but we could be of great service in any emergency where we are taught how to run ferries, boats, boats, locomotives and trolley cars."

Major Lenz impressed upon the committee the work the Reserve could do in a riot.

"I have seen those young fellows at work in Newark," he said. "They fill an important place in the National Guard, and should be supported."

Lieutenant-Commander Davis and Lieutenant Harvey pointed out the great necessity for the State maintaining such means for the defence of its rivers and harbors and long coast line.

PRISONER IN A HENHRY. Artist Stacy Wandered Into It When Tippy and Couldn't Find the Way Out.

Hubert J. Ashley, of Bloomfield, N. J., was aroused from sleep at an early hour yesterday morning by a commotion in his henry. His first thought was of thieves, and upon reaching the henry he found a man prowling around.

When Ashley demanded what the stranger was doing, he received an answer to the effect that it was none of his business. Ashley captured him, and found he was a drunk and had evidently wandered into the chicken yard and could not find an outlet in the wire fence surrounding the henry.

The stranger, who gave his name as A. Stacy, and said he was an artist, declared he had walked about the yard for three hours trying to get out. Ashley handed him over to a policeman.

Justice Hall thought the man had been punished enough, and after giving him a temperance lecture let him go.

MURDERERS RESENTENCED. Only Pardons Can Save Elmer Clawson and Jacob S. Johnson.

Eighteen-year-old Elmer Clawson, who murdered Harry Hedgrets near Penekamin, and Jacob S. Johnson, the colored evangelist, who robbed and strangled Annie Rogers, a mulatto woman, were brought before Chief Justice William J. Magie, in the Somerset Court, Somersetville, N. J., yesterday morning and resented to be hanged, Johnson on May 5 and Clawson on May 12.

The cases of the two murderers have been carried through all the higher courts of the State without avail. It is still believed that the Court of Pardons will intercede in favor of Clawson and commute his sentence to life imprisonment.

MORE WOMEN COMMISSIONERS. Mayor Wanser Names Four to Represent Jersey City at Tennessee Exposition.

Mayor Wanser, of Jersey City, yesterday appointed the following ladies to represent Jersey City at the Tennessee Exposition at Nashville in May: Mrs. Etie Henderson, Mrs. Sarah R. Falkinburg, her daughter, Miss Lilla Falkinburg, and Mrs. Hannah Rogers.

The Mayor weeks ago appointed Miss Eva Henry Williams, a newspaper woman, as one of the commissioners.

Mrs. Falkinburg was "one of the city's commissioners" in the "Orange World Fair." Mrs. Adams is president of the Hudson County Women's Christian Association.

Diphtheria in Belleville. Three of the 602 children of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Anselmi, of Belleville, N. J., are ill with diphtheria. The condition of two is serious. The little ones are being cared for by an older sister. Town Physician Skinner is taking measures to prevent the disease spreading.

WALLACE GOES FREE. Ex-Convicts Who Accuse Him of Arson, and in Turn Were Charged with Conspiracy, Fail to Appear.

Lawrence Wallace, the alleged Netherwood, N. J., firebug, was released from jail yesterday morning at Elizabeth, N. J. His hearing before Justice Ira Hall was continued at 9 o'clock, but as Adams, Sinclair and Kelly, who accused his arrest, did not appear against him, he had to be discharged.

Adams and Sinclair are ex-convicts and had fixed up a scheme, it was alleged, to get Wallace convicted of setting fire to John Benner's hotel at Netherwood so that they could get revenge on him and also get the \$500 reward offered by the Board of Underwriters for the capture of the firebug who has been terrorizing Scotch Plains and Netherwood.

When their alleged conspiracy leaked out they fled and have not since been found.

VICTIMS OF FOOTPADS. Citizens of Hackensack, Paterson and Perth Amboy Held Up and Assaulted.

Walter Van Saun, a well-known athlete, of Hackensack, was badly battered on Sunday night in an encounter with a highwayman. Van Saun was on his way home after a visit to Commissioner C. E. Eckerson, and was near the Central avenue depot, within three blocks of his home, when he was attacked.

The highwayman was armed with a blackjack, and after a desperate fight landed a blow on Van Saun's face, breaking his nose and cutting his cheek. Without waiting to rob his victim the highwayman hurried away.

Jefferson Parkin, of Perth Amboy, N. J., while returning to his home along Main street, that city, early yesterday morning, was brutally assaulted and robbed by two men at the corner of Green street.

They approached from behind, and one dealt him a stinging blow on the jaw. He was thrown to the pavement and his pockets hastily rifled. The footpads were frightened away by his cries for help after securing only a small sum of money.

John H. Ambog, N. J., was waylaid and nearly murdered by two footpads while returning home from a visit to a suburb at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. He was held up in a building, jumped from behind some bushes and felled him with a club. He struggled to his feet again and fought, but his assailant, who was armed with a revolver, was later Antonin Learson found him and took him to his residence, 138 Elm street, Perth Amboy. He has three ugly scalp wounds.

CREDITORS CRY FRAUD. Vice-Chancellor Emery Hears Testimony in the McGail Brothers' Mortgage Case.

Vice-Chancellor Emery, in the Chancery Chambers, in Newark, yesterday, heard testimony in an action to foreclose certain mortgages given by McGail Brothers, hat manufacturers, of Orange, when they became insolvent in the Spring of 1895, and also to have a receiver appointed to collect rents and make a settlement of some of the property. The plaintiffs are H. H. Jones & Co., of Newark, for \$10,000; Jonas & Naumberg, for \$19,500; and Thomas & Bayley, for \$17,000, all of New York. They now comprise the McGail Brothers Hat Company.

The mortgage and transfers given them covered the full amount of their respective claims. In addition Joseph P. McGovern & Brothers, of New York, who had a claim for \$10,000, and the McGail Brothers, for \$5,000, and pledges and securities for the balance. The other creditors, who had claims amounting to about \$100,000, were not in on the mortgage deal.

Quinton McGail, one of the brothers, when called to the stand, testified that he understood, when the mortgages were given, that it was to foreclose the other creditors to a settlement, at 25 cents on the dollar. This, he claimed, was the proposition of Mr. Naumberg.

Joseph P. McGovern, of McGovern & Brothers, testified that William J. McGail had told him that the three arms which comprised the company had gone back on their mortgages and that McGail was a witness testified, had told him that he would get his money, but he never got it. The case will last a couple of days.

IN BROOKLYN'S THEATRES. Plays That Opened the Week Last Night in the "City of Churches."

"The Sporting Duchess" opened the week in the Bijou last night. There was an immense audience in the cozy theatre, and the comedy was enthusiastically applauded.

Rose Coghlan was in the title role, and in her support were Cora Tanner, J. H. Stodard, Harry Lacy, Elita Proctor Oids, Louis Masson, R. A. Roberts, Beresford Webb, Harry Gibbs, C. V. Walsh, Sarah Coovers, Julius B. Booth and Dorothy Rossmore.

Montauk Theatre. Charles H. Hoyt's new comedy, "A Contented Woman," made merry bit in the Montauk Theatre last night. Caroline McKel Hoyt was the politically ambitious woman who ran against her husband for Mayor of Denver. A good company aided her.

Columbia Theatre. That clever English actor, John Hare, appeared in Robertson's comedy, "Caste," in the Columbia last night. He had a good audience and his work was thoroughly appreciated. To-night Mr. Hare will be Spencer Jermy in "The Doctor."

American Theatre. "The White Squadron," a good play, with a generous flavor of patriotism, held the stage of the American Theatre, in the East-street district, last night.

Empire Theatre. Fields & Hanson's big specialty company opened a week in the Empire Theatre last night. Joe Flynn, the singing comedian; Lilla Stone and Marie Barblor head the company.

Park Theatre. Barney Ferguson played in "McCarthy's Mishaps" in the Park last night. The farce has a rollicking swing to it.

SALVATIONIST'S SAD FALL. Confesses Stealing His Brother's Watch and Clothing and Is Held.

John Jaeger, a young man of Bloomfield, N. J., son of respectable parents, was committed to the county jail yesterday by Police Justice Hall on complaint of Charles Jaeger, the prisoner's brother, who accused him of stealing his silver watch and chain, one suit of clothes and a pair of trousers.

The youthful prisoner did not deny the charge. Some time ago he joined the local corps of the Salvation Army, and of late has pursued the career of a drunkard, a drummer and taking a prominent part in the services. He had in his pockets several pieces of clothing which he stole from the members of the corps and a badge.

Jaeger, previous to his joining the army, had led a wild life, and had served time behind bars.

Engineer Charged with Manslaughter. Alfred A. Brown, the engineer of the train that crossed the wreck on the Brooklyn elevated track at Van Hook station, East New York, on January 28 last, was arraigned before Judge Hurd in the County Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, charged with manslaughter in the second degree.

The case of the engineer was brought on by the death of Thomas J. Gaffney, the engineer, who was killed in the collision. The accident occurred on the elevated track at Van Hook station, Brooklyn, on January 28 last. Gaffney was killed by the collision of the train with a freight train.

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BLAZE IN A THREE-STORY DOUBLE HOUSE CAUSES A PANIC. MOTHER FORGETS BABY.

When All Are Supposed to Be Out She Remembers Her Sleeping Infant. POLICEMAN TO THE RESCUE.

Officer Heffling Rushes Into the Burning Tenement and Brings the Little One Out Uninjured. All the Others Escape.

The three-story double frame tenement, at No. 141 Palmetto street, Brooklyn, was completely gutted by a fire which occurred at 7:30 o'clock last night, and was directly due to the explosion of a kerosene lamp in the apartments of Mrs. Mary Welschler, a dressmaker, on the first floor.

The fire spread so rapidly that the safety of all the tenants of the upper floors was imperilled, and for a time it seemed as if there must be serious loss of life. Thanks, however, to the presence of mind of Policeman Heffling, who warned the frightened tenants not to jump, a serious calamity was averted.

Heffling rushed forth, distinguished himself by the valor of the moment, and in the hurry and fright had rushed into the street, leaving the child asleep in its crib.

As soon as the firemen arrived the tenants were got out safely. The loss is estimated at \$6,000.

Mrs. Welschler, who occupies two rooms of the rear flat on the first floor, was preparing her supper shortly after 7 o'clock, when, in crossing from the range to the table, she accidentally overturned the kerosene lamp, which exploded, setting fire to her dress. She extinguished the blaze, but while she was thus engaged the flames caught the carpet and spread into the hall and up the stairs, cutting off the escape of those on the upper floors.

On the second floor lived Harry Schwent, son of the owner of the building, with his wife and five small children, and across the hall were the rooms occupied by August Dill, his wife and two children. On the third floor lived Thomas Gillyou and his sister Mary and Michael Cully.

All these persons when the alarm was given ran to the front stairway, only to find escape cut off. They then crowded the front windows, and some of them, in their fright, prepared to jump, and doubtless many would have done so, but for Policeman Heffling, who in a loud voice, begged them to keep cool and await the arrival of the firemen.

At this juncture one remembered the fire escapes in the rear of the house and a wild rush was made for them. But the tenants of the second floor crowded the right-hand end, and the firemen, who were a Vigilance League, who assist pastors of Amity Hill Baptist Church, in Morristown, his sermons on temperance and his kindling into the burning building, the members to wail and wail each other.

"Didn't he just rap Deacon Sullivan today?" would be whispered as they fled out the door.

"The deacon fairly equirred," would be heard in reply.

Two weeks ago Miss Louise Baird, Mrs. L. Fox, was appointed to report nominations for officers for the ensuing year. The committee of the school were the Rev. Deacon Sullivan, Mr. D. J. Norman, L. Fox were appointed to report nominations for officers for the ensuing year.

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DEACON WHO SELLS WHAT RAILROADS ARE HIS PARLORGE.

Sub-Committee Practically Agree Upon the Rate. TEN CENTS FOR "L" CARS. Surface Roads May Be Allowed to Cross for Five Cents.

INCOME WOULD BE \$338,000. Committee Will Meet Again and Prepare a Report to Be Submitted to the Full Board of Trustees.

The four Brooklyn members of the sub-committee of the Board of Bridge Trustees, Mayor Wurster, President William Berri, Comptroller Palmer and Seth L. Keeney, met in Mayor Wurster's office yesterday afternoon and practically agreed on the toll the elevated and surface cars shall pay for the right to cross the structure.

They are practically unanimous in their opinion that the elevated roads shall pay 10 cents per round trip for each elevated road car and 5 cents for each surface car.

Comptroller Palmer said he thought that was the proper toll. He said the elevated roads should pay more, inasmuch as their cars were heavier and the Bridge people furnished the power.

Trustee Keeney held the same view. President Berri was in favor of a uniform rate for both roads. While the L cars were heavier, the surface lines were easier handled and had a greater earning capacity.

He thought all companies should pay a uniform rate of 15 cents a car per round trip.

Mayor Wurster said the surface cars should pay 10 cents a car and the L roads 20.

President Berri made some rough calculations to find what the income to the city would be. He estimated that the various surface companies would run, at the outside, 4,000 cars a day. He estimated that the income would average about \$150,000 a year.

On an average, it was estimated, the L cars would pay \$182,000 a year, or \$338,000 from the two roads.

The committee will meet some time before the next regular Bridge meeting, which will be the second Monday in April, and agree on some report, which will be an average of the various views. This report will be submitted to the full Board of Trustees for their adoption.

This extra meeting will be held at the call of the chair.

MAJOR HOPPER GUILTY. Aged Marylander of Good Family Sentenced to Fine and Imprisonment for Forgery.

With bowed head, from which hung silvery locks, Major John B. Hopper stood in the prisoners' pen in the Court of Quarter Sessions, Newark, yesterday, and pleaded non vult to three indictments for uttering forged notes. The complainant in each case was Edward H. Colyer, who had been victimized by the aged prisoner out of about \$500. Hopper was arrested in Wilmington, Del., four months ago, and taken to Newark. He has since been in the County Jail awaiting trial.

Ex-Senator M. T. Barrett, counsel for the prisoner, read several letters from prominent men in various parts of the State, in which they expressed their good character and petitioning the Court for clemency. The letters were sent by ex-Senator Charles H. Gibson, of Maryland; Judge of the Circuit Court of the State, Thompson Paterson, Nelson H. Patten, John De Witt Warner and others.

Then addressing the Court, Mr. Barrett said that Hopper was a man of good character, and belonged to one of the most honored and respected families of Maryland. His father was for many years Judge of the Circuit Court of the State, and his brother is to-day an honored member of that bar. Another brother is the leading pharmacist in the South. The defendant was always honest and respected until his present trouble. He said that Hopper's clerk, who is missing, forged the notes, and Hopper claimed he did not know where he was.

Judge Fort sentenced Hopper to pay a fine of \$250 and to serve eight months in the penitentiary.

BRITTON'S COSTLY APPETITE. While He Was at Lunch Directors Met and Deposed Him from the Presidency.

Edward M. Grout applied to Justice Van Wyck, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, for an order directing a new election of the New York Building Loan Banking Company, at No. 111 Fifth avenue, New York. Edward E. Britton, the former president, makes the application.

Britton says he went out to lunch on March 18. When he returned he found a notice on his desk signed by Vice-President A. Allen, acting president, calling a meeting of the directors. The directors met and deposed him.

Rastus R. Hanson, for the respondents, said that Britton had been forming charges of neglect of duty and misconduct had been made against him in the regular way.

Further argument will be held next Monday.

BROOKS PLEADED GUILTY. Admitted Striking His Wife Through a Pane of Glass.

Charles Brooks, a refined looking man of middle age, was a prisoner in the Myrtle Avenue Police Court yesterday charged with assaulting his wife Julia. The Brooks have not lived together for over a year. Mrs. Brooks, living at No. 271 Clermont avenue, with her daughter, a stepdaughter, and Brooks, who is a traveling salesman, living in Twelfth street.

Justice Stevens is a baseball player himself, and admitted that while it was wrong he had struck his wife with a bat, even as a boy. He had promised to play ball in vacant lots hereafter.

Queens County Roads Go West. The Queens County Board of Supervisors in session at Long Island City yesterday awarded \$618,000 of twenty year four per cent road improvements bonds to Larnbrocht Brothers & Co., bankers of Cleveland, Ohio. Their bid was \$671,100, and was the lowest of seven bidders. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to extend the county's system of macadamized roads.

Baptized in Willow Lake. Willow Lake, N. J., which is made up of two-thirds mud and one-third water, was the scene on Sunday of baptismal services in which twelve couples and a minister, all colored, took part. The ceremony was held at the residence of the candidates were baptized in the presence of a large crowd of interested spectators. Where the party broke from 10 to 15.

Carson Will Remain in Brooklyn. The Rev. John F. Carson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, in Throop avenue, Brooklyn, has decided to remain in Brooklyn, and not accept the call that was offered him in Philadelphia.

WIFE'S TEARS SAVED HIM. McDermott Admitted She Supported Him and That He Beat Her, but She Pleaded for Him.

Because Sarah McDermott, of No. 532 Grand avenue, shed tears in the Flatbush Police Court yesterday the heart of Justice Steers was touched and he refused to carry out his original intention of sending her husband, Hugh McDermott, to the penitentiary for wife beating. McDermott admitted that he had struck his wife, but that he had sincerely loved what he was doing for he had been drinking heavily. He also declared that he was out of work, but that his wife was employed and had struck supporting him. The face of the Justice flushed with indignation at this statement and he remarked on the occasion: "You ought to go to the penitentiary for beating your wife and you ought to go there also for allowing your wife to support you while you drink in idleness. I will send you there, now long shall I keep him there, Mrs. McDermott?" asked the Justice of the wife.

"Oh, judge, don't send him there," sobbed the wife. "I don't want my husband in the penitentiary. He will promise to do better. Let him go this time."

"As usual, let him go to your rescue," said the Justice. "Go home with her and thank her for allowing you to have your freedom. I will give you a sentence of the penitentiary for six months had it not been for her pleading."

"The couple kissed in front of the Justice and walked on to meet the prisoner, whom McDermott declared he would take the pledge.

KNOCKED POLICEMAN OUT. Pugilistic Refrused to Be Arrested and Punched the Officer into Unconsciousness.

Policeman Balbert, of Long Island City, arrested a truck driver who was beating his horses yesterday. The policeman is a small man, while the truck driver was a big, powerful fellow. The policeman ordered the driver to get down off the truck. The driver did so, and the policeman put a powerful blow in the face, catching him by the lips and loosening several teeth. Before Balbert could swing his club the driver struck him under the ear and he fell unconscious in the roadway.

Several men found Balbert lying in the road and carried him into a store, where he was revived. The officer then went to the police station, where he was placed in a cell. The driver was taken to the police station, where he was placed in a cell.

The driver did not make any resistance the second time, and was locked up. He described himself as Julius Leach, of No. 100 West 12th street, Long Island City. He was driving a truck owned by the Yellow Pine Lumber Company, of that city. He will be arraigned this morning in the Police Court, where Balbert's report will be returned to duty after making his report, and was sent home.

BLEW SAFE TO PIECES. Burglars Forced an Entrance to a Brooklyn Saloon and Succeeded in Getting Away with \$140.

When Charles Elser, the bartender for Max Freytag's, opened the saloon at the corner of Washington and Concord streets, Brooklyn, yesterday, he found the rear door open, the safe a dozen pieces and burglars' tools scattered about the room.

The safe stood in a small office, back of the general barroom. A door leads from this office into another still smaller room in the rear. The burglars had gained an entrance to this rear room by prying off the bars of a window which overlooks a small alley. Once inside, they broke the lock on the rear door to the office, and escaped through that way after blowing open the safe. The safe had been tied up in heavy bolts and was fastened to the wall.

About \$140 in cash was taken. The safe was a small affair, about three feet high and of old-fashioned design. The contents of the Adams Street Station have been taken by