

400-POUND MAN IN TEN-FOOT HOUSE.

Robert MacCauley Threatens to Erect a Dwelling Next to a Church.

The Trustees Will Not Give Him \$500, His Price for the Jersey City Land.

MacCauley Has Aldermanic Girth—The House Cannot Be More Than 125 Inches Wide.

SAYS HE WILL LIVE IN IT.

Christ Church is Now Going Up, and its Members Fear That All Will Be Dark Within Their Prayer-Hall Dwelling.

It is probable that the house that Robert MacCauley builds will be a celebrated one in Jersey City. For MacCauley, who has a will of his own, weighs more than 400 pounds. And he threatens to

NOT KIDNAPPED, BUT DROWNED.

Body of Missing Georgie Woerner Found Floating in North River.

Five-Year-Old Boy Went Out to Play Thursday and Never Returned.

His Distracted Mother Was Sure That He Had Been Taken by a Farmer.

DID HE SLIP OFF AN ICY DUCK?

Police of Three Cities Searched Two Days for the Little Fellow Without Success. Body Discovered by Two Young Men Yesterday Afternoon.

Two young men working on a dock at the foot of West Forty-fourth street at 9 o'clock yesterday afternoon saw a dark object drift slowly past the pierhead with the ebbing tide. One of them drew the

Thursday morning at 9 o'clock Mrs. Woerner heard little Georgie put on his pajamas, buttoned him up and sent him out of the door at No. 219 West Forty-fourth street, to join the other children who were playing in the street below. At half past 10, fearing that the little fellow would catch cold if he stayed out too long, she opened the window and called to him to come in, but he had disappeared.

The Mother's Search. The mother was frightened, and, catching up a shawl, she descended to the street to look for the little truant. All around the block she went, but nobody except the children had seen sight of little Georgie.

He went down that way said little Willie Schmidt, pointing vaguely in the direction of the river, and we ain't seen him for ever so long.

Half way down to the river front Jim Brennan, the blacksmith, said he had seen Georgie Woerner about twenty minutes before.

For an hour Mrs. Woerner searched for her little son. One man said he had seen a little fellow climb into a farm wagon without dress of in the direction of the Westchester ferry. That was all the information Mrs. Woerner could get, but it was enough to make her believe that Georgie had been kidnapped by some wicked person—possibly a sailor—so she went to the West Forty-fourth Street Station and had a description of the missing boy sent out. Captain Schmitzberger sent his men to work, and also notified Headquarters. Headquarters sent bulletins to police stations, and also to Police Headquarters in Jersey City and Westchester. Four thousand policemen were looking out for little Georgie Woerner by 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. All of them passed and no news of Georgie came to his distracted parents. Captain Schmitzberger, after getting lost, taking a fellow named found of playing about the docks, made preparations to drag the slips along the river front.

Father Identifies Body. The distracted father had called twice at the police station up to noon, but the desk sergeant had no news for him.

When he came again it was in response to a summons sent from the station house. Then the sergeant led him to the station room and tenderly uncovered the face of the poor, tripping little body which was laid out there.

"That's him. That is our Georgie," said the heart-broken father. "It is as I feared. It will kill his mother. I'm afraid. She thinks he was kidnapped."

Edward Bostock, of No. 660 Eleventh avenue, and Joseph Hoag, of No. 655 Eleventh avenue, were the young men who found the body floating in the water off the foot of West Forty-fourth street.

It is supposed that the lad was playing on one of the docks near the foot of West Forty-fourth street, and losing his footing on the ice-covered plank, fell into the river.

FOUGHT AN INSANE BROTHER. When McElroy Was Left Alone in a Cell He Tied Suicide.

John McElroy, twenty-eight years old, of No. 55 Monks street, was arrested this morning. He had threatened to kill his parents and the rest of the family. It was believed that McElroy was insane, and his brother asked that he be permitted to remain with him in a cell in the Third Precinct Station, whether he had been taken. The request was granted. A few minutes later the brother began to scream "Murder" and "Police" and when the door-man rushed into the cell he found him on the floor. John was punning him severely. The police tore the man away, and he was left alone. A short time afterward he attempted to hang himself to the cell door with his handkerchief. McElroy was then placed in a padded cell, and today Judge Egger committed him until Police Surgeon Clark can investigate his sanity.

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Mystery of Georgie Woerner Cleared Up.

Build a house for himself on a strip of land, which, at its widest point is 10 feet 5 inches wide.

Now, MacCauley is of goodly girth. Chang and Eng, the lamented Siamese twins, together, would not have strained MacCauley's waistband. Any Alderman would be immensely proud of MacCauley's proportions. He used to be a saloon keeper, and his waist measure is his by right. But all Jersey City is wondering how MacCauley will dwell comfortably in a house 10 feet, 5 inches wide at the widest—how he will even go upstairs in that house, unless, indeed, the house be half stairs and half such a hammock as athletes use for a net to catch them when they fall.

This interesting strip of land is in the Lafayette section of Jersey City. It is triangular and is 63 feet deep. It adjoins the edifice that is being erected for the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Communipaw avenue and Woodward street. Its widest point is at Communipaw avenue.

The just assessors of Jersey City set down the value of the strip at \$100, but MacCauley, like so many others, has a land theory of his own. His theory is that land is worth what you can get for it, and his theory is vastly strengthened by the desire of the Christ Church trustees to buy the strip. They asked MacCauley's price for it.

"Five hundred dollars, and not a penny less," stoutly said MacCauley, or said the stout MacCauley.

The trustees deliberated and then again wanted on MacCauley.

"We will give you \$500 for the strip," said they. "If you will contribute \$100 to the building fund of the church."

"I am a religious, a philanthropic man," he said. "Give me \$500 for my land and I will chip in \$25 to your building fund."

The trustees retired. MacCauley went to Europe. While he was away work on the new church began. MacCauley returned a few days ago, and saw the church walls going up.

"I'll put up a fence on my land," he declared. "Every one will say you're spiteful," the neighbors declared.

"Well, then, I'll build a house and live in it," answered MacCauley. "And I'll begin to build just as soon as the weather will let me."

MacCauley is a man of his word. If he does build a house there and live in it, he and his house will shut out much light from the church and destroy its appearance architecturally.

NO MONEY FOR NAVAL REPAIRS

Department Says Work Must Stop Unless More Funds are Forthcoming.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Appropriations Committee to-day reported to the House an urgent deficiency bill. The measure provides for meeting the urgent demands of the Government and is divided as follows: Contingent expenses, independent Treasury, \$102,004; public building at Columbus, Ga., \$4,000; Navy Department, \$704,000; Department of Justice, \$83,720; electoral messengers, \$600; House of Representatives, \$24,538; total, \$881,862.

The Navy Department, in requesting its appropriation, states that unless provision is made at once, work will have to stop.

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