

BOODY'S "ACTION."

He Returns the Affidavits Against the Health Officials.

Does He Mean to Pigeon-Hole the Sworn Charges?

Attempts to Combat the Evidence Would Be Unsuccessful.

Mayor Boody has shown what he intends to do in reference to the charges.

Mayor Boody has promised that if any proof of the charges were laid before him he would institute proceedings against the officers.

This proof was furnished him last Tuesday, in the shape of six affidavits, sworn to by members of the six committees, and bearing out the charges in every detail.

They told a tale of neglect and incompetency on the part of the health officials which was almost unparalleled in a civilized city.

Contrary to expectation, Mayor Boody showed very little disposition to make good his promise. He read the affidavits and, when asked how soon he intended taking up the matter, he replied: "Oh, just as soon as occasion serves."

This occasion presented itself Wednesday, when, after a conference with the head of the Health Department, Commissioner Griffin, who is personally responsible for the outrage in this case, the Mayor turned over all the affidavits to Commissioner Griffin.

In defense of this rather extraordinary proceeding Mayor Boody claimed afterwards that he had taken the step in order to give Commissioner Griffin an opportunity to vindicate himself.

An "Evening World" reporter called at Mayor Boody's office yesterday forenoon to inquire how the promised investigation was progressing. The Mayor refused to be interviewed. Several hours later the reporter again called to inquire how the investigation was this time informed that Mr. Boody had gone to the day.

On his earlier visit the reporter left a note asking Mr. Boody what steps had been taken in reference to the charges against the Health Department. In reply to this the reporter was called again, and Mr. Boody had instructed his secretary to return the affidavits.

This was done. The secretary, in handing over the affidavits, said: "Mayor Boody desires me to say that he does not intend to take any affidavits which were procured from the same people by Commissioner Griffin."

These affidavits are the ones which Commissioner Griffin returns in his whitewashing report to the Mayor.

In view of the Health Department's attempt to combat the six affidavits presented by "The Evening World," it would be well to remember that the Health Department by its action of a week ago yesterday acknowledged its guilt of the charges made.

On that day, when "The Evening World," in response to the appeals of the inmates of the quarantine hospital, called attention to provisions to the sufferers, the police, acting under instructions from the Health Department, refused to allow the food to be unloaded.

Then, under instruction from the Health Department, a sergeant of police made inquiry as to the necessities of the people in the house, and, five hours after the arrival of the relief sent by "The Evening World," supplied the provisions which were then admitted to be required.

If any support of this contention be required, the files of the city clerk, and, accordingly, the organ of "The Evening World," may be referred to. In the citation of May 13 appears the following introduction to an article on the subject, of which "The Health Department's Tardy Relief for the Needy" formed part of the display head:

"As to obtain the necessities of the Health Department took the small-pox quarantine of 155 Prospect street. Dr. O'Grady visited the tenement, and after inspecting the inmates and assuring himself that there was no further danger, told them they were free to go where they liked. The policeman at the front hall door left his post, glad enough to get away from the unsavory place and to the complaints of the tenants.

"The latter are loud in their denunciation of Health Commissioner Griffin and his department."

"It was not until yesterday afternoon that the Health Commissioner sent an agent to the house, although requests for same had been made to Capt. Eason as early as Monday."

"The Citizen, in its news columns of the previous day, also furnishes proof of 'The Evening World's' charges, and to a Citizen reporter, as well as to 'The Evening World' reporter, Superintendent Baker admitted that he knew the necessities of the people in the tenement were in want of food, but said he could not do anything about it."

"The fact that the health officials and the police then endeavored to shift the blame for the deplorable state of affairs exposed by 'The Evening World' and confessed their guilt by handing out provisions to the quarantined people, is too fresh in the memory of the public to make attempts to discredit the sworn testimony of 'The Evening World's' witnesses successful."

RUSH FOR VACCINATION.

The Bureau of Contagious Diseases Crowded To-Day.

There was an unusual large crush at the bureau of Contagious Diseases of the Health Department, on Mulberry street, today, as a result of its being free vaccination day.

Probably not less than a thousand people visited themselves of the privilege and had their arms punctured by the five attending quacklers.

Most of the people came from the east side and belonged to the poorer classes. Many brought children with them. Had a child with typhus or some other virulent disease furnished in, as not infrequently happens, the consequence might have been disastrous. Happily, however, no such occurrence happened.

Admission to the inoculation room was by tickets of ten, and in consequence the waiting line extended far into the street. It required the efforts of several stalwart policeman to preserve order.

His Wife Sent Him Postal Cards.

Margaret Meyer, of 1716 First avenue, was held in \$500 bail today by United States Commissioner Seldens on a charge of sending postal cards to her husband.

Her husband, Mr. Meyer, is living with a woman named Caroline Losenberg.

Italian Notables Will Dine.

Retirados Cantoni, the Italian banker, and his wife, of 50 South Portland avenue, Brooklyn, will entertain a dinner this evening to the benefit of the Italian Relief Society.

The Italian Minister, Baron Fava, and his family will be present.

PUBLIC HONORS TO EULALIA.

The People Would Like to See the Charming Princess.

A Plan Which It is Hoped Will Be Approved by Her.

Mayor Gilroy and the Committee on Plan and Scope, who have in charge the entertainment of the Infanta Eulalia on her return to this city from Washington, are anxiously awaiting a telegram from Commander Davis, representing the President, near the person of the Princess, which will convey her wishes concerning the character of her entertainment.

There seems to be a doubt in the minds of some members of the Committee whether or not the sex of our distinguished guest bars her from some of the public functions which might be tendered her.

The Mayor had called a meeting of the sub-committee for Monday at 4 P. M., and it is hoped that by that time the Infanta will have communicated her wishes, and all will be plain sailing.

There is a manifest growing interest in the personality of the Infanta by the public at large, and it cannot be satisfied with the semi-public form of entertainment which was suggested at the meeting at the City Hall yesterday.

It is thought that at least one day be set aside for some sort of public demonstration which would afford the people an opportunity to gaze royally in such a delightfully democratic form as it is embodied in the person of the Infanta.

It need not be of a character to annoy the Princess by its ponderous formality. For instance, a drive from the Hotel Savoy, in an open carriage, by way of Fifth avenue and Broadway, to the Infanta's quarters, would be a most fitting half-hour with the historical Infanta in a room.

There is enough of interest there to justify a visit.

At the time of the visit and the route from the hotel were made public, there is little doubt, in view of the extremely favorable impression she has made upon Americans thus early in her visit, that the people would turn out to see her.

As far as the entertainment committee's doubts as to the propriety of carrying her over by the assurance of Consul-General Balduino that would give Eulalia the greatest possible pleasure to be thus honored by the American people.

It would serve two ends. It would show our appreciation of a thoroughly democratic Princess and at the same time give the public a chance to see a charming member of Spain's royal family.

As far as can be learned, this is the state of the public opinion at present. Favorable impressions of the Infanta have been made upon Americans thus early in her visit, that the people would turn out to see her.

Mayor Gilroy said today that he was under the impression that the committee had in mind some such plan, and that he would be glad to see the Infanta in the matter had been obtained. Until that time nothing definite could be said.

The only suggestion of Spanish royalty which New York is at present contemplating is the visit of the Infanta Eulalia, who is expected to arrive here in the latter part of the month.

The band is quartered at the Eighth Regiment Armory, Park avenue, and eighty members of the band, and comfortable cots have been provided for them in the north and south tower rooms.

The musicians passed their first rehearsal yesterday afternoon at the armory. They take their meals outside, and they wear uniforms, composed of dark blue coats, with crimson trimmings and brass buttons, crimson trousers, with a wide black stripe down the leg and jaunty patent leather caps, worn with all over the top.

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BETTER TONE ON EXCHANGE.

Increase in Bank Reserves the Feature of the Day.

Hold After a Strong Opening—Wall Street Affairs.

WALL STREET, Saturday, May 20.—The great feature of the day was the unexpected heavy increase in the bank reserves. The gain in legal reserves was enormous, amounting to over \$1,000,000.

The increase in the surplus reserve was \$6,627,150, and the banks hold \$24,428,175 in excess of legal requirements, the largest amount for a year past.

The rapid accumulation of money, according to good judges of the situation, is destined soon to play an important part in Wall street operations. It already indicates that good dividend-paying stocks are being taken by investors, who evidently feel that the outlook for the railroad is encouraging.

The industrial, with one or two exceptions, are given the nod, and railway securities are benefited accordingly.

Money is already practically unobtainable on call, the inquiry for the better grade of securities will probably be continued.

Rates for money are at a 2 1/2 per cent, while there are plenty of good bonds at 4 1/2 to 5 per cent.

The stock market opened strong and higher, but the traders subsequently hammered the list, and prices yielded to the market.

Chicago special says that the "Dilling & Cattle Feeding Company" had arranged to borrow money from the bank.

The market was attacked, there was a quiet absorption of the strangers and others, which led to a partial recovery.

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THE MAJOR'S MANY VICTIMS.

Hundreds Sent on Bogus Orders to the Army Building.

His Object Apparently to Get Drinks and Small Change.

"Major P. H. Ryan" is one of the best known, yet most elusive, characters in New York City today since "The Evening World's" exposure yesterday of his penchant for giving big orders to downtown merchants for goods which he could not and never intended to pay for.

The recital in this paper of the Major ordering \$3,000 worth of glassware for the cruiser Philadelphia, from S. J. Van derusen, of 18 College Place, and his requesting Butcher A. G. Berry, of 32 Barclay street, to deliver 2,000 pounds of beef at Pier 1 for the revenue cutter Bronx, which was burned six years ago, was particularly interesting to J. A. Daly, a plumber doing business at 120 Mulberry street.

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