HERO HORTON'S CHARGES PROVED; PULL AND GRUDGE RULE POLICE

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ambitious men who have earned the right to get ahead.

BAND AND GLEE CLUB LEAD THE FAVORED "EXEMPTS."

When the recent Brooklyn Rapid Transit strike caused the holding of every policeman in the city "on reserve" for an emergency, the Police Band was exempt. The band and the Glee Club and the Baseball Club were all excused Sept. 19 to go to Travers Island for a game with the club of the New York Athletic Club. But the emergency was so far from over that the less favored policemen were kept on "reserve" until October.

The uselessness of details mentioned by Lieut. Horton is not apparent from the books at headquarters. One must go to the spots where men are "at work." One of the biggest wastes is in the posting of from 300 to 400 men in rooms or houses where raids have been made. Each such detail involves three men, each on duty eight hours each day. Not many months ago a "handbook" or horse racing betting office was raided in the back of a little tailor shop in Ninth Street, near Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn. The only paraphernalia used by the bookmaker was a wooden chair at the back of the shop. In that chair, in eight-hour relays, sat three policemen for months while the bookmaker and his business flourished less than half a block away.

A pretense is made of sending veterans and temporarily disabled men on these errands. More than half of the men on this duty to-day are strong, vigorous men who enjoy the favor, for one reason or another, of commanders who enjoy the favor of "the Commish"—many of them have been less than five years in uniform.

THE CASE OF ACTING CAPT. JONES, DISLIKED BY ENRIGHT.

Favoritism, as shown by the retention on the rolls of Inspector Henry, under sentence to prison, has another side, which not only hurts the man directly affected, but robs the city of the service of able men, long trained. Policemen like Horton talk of the instance of Acting Capt. William Jones, known nationally for his knowledge of pistols and bullets. When the old 3d Inspection District, running from 59th Street to the Harlem River, was alive with gangsters, kidnappers and blackhand bomb setters and burglars, Jones was told to "clean it up." In little more than a year it was as orderly and free from complaints as any other law abiding section of the city.

A measure of efficiency was furnished by an utterance in open court of the late Judge Malone when a bomb-setter was acquitted: "It is clear to the court that this case was not handled by Capt. William Jones; otherwise, there would have been a conviction."

But certain comparisons of the record of Jones with the record of Enright and those of Enright's friends in the uniformed force had aroused hard feeling.

Jones broke down; a board of surgeons approved his application for retirement. Pending action on the application Enright nagged Jones by ordering him to report once each day at Police Headquarters—to register his name. He denied the application and ordered Jones examined by a new board named by himself. They found Jones unfit for duty. Again Enright denied the application. Jones appealed to him in person. Unless he could be retired he must resign and forfeit his pension.

"I am not going to retire you," Enright said, sneering. "Can you understand English? Can you understand that?"

Jones went to Justice Cropsey and obtained a writ of mandamus. Enright ignored it. Contempt proceedings were started. After an appeal by Enright's personal counsel to Jones's lawyer all proceedings were dropped and Jones was retired.

HOW EDDIE HUGHES'S DETECTIVE AGENCY GOT CLIENTS.

The charge of favoritism is closely interlocked with the demoralization of the Detective Bureau. One of the closest friends of Enright in the days when the present Commissioner was almost tearfully complaining that Commissioner Arthur Woods was unfairly refusing to "recognize his worth and ability and brilliant executive powers" was inspector Eddie Hughes.

Hughes now has a private detective bureau in the Wall Street district. When "a big squeal broke" (meaning when complaint is made of a burglary or highway robbery running into tens of thousands of dollars), detectives hurried from Police Headquarters were at first amazed (and more lately disgustedly amused) on finding Hughes or some of his agents ahead of them, soliciting a private retainer. Guessing where the Hughes agency gets its advance information has ceased to be a diverting pastime.

In the first of the two Brooklyn Rapid strikes of last year, the Mayor announced that he would not use the uniformed police to browbeat honest labor in favor of a soulless corporation. The manifolded statement was not off of the City Hall typewriters before Eddie Hughes was seeking and getting the contract from Receiver Garrison to furnish watchmen and guards in place of those the city refused to furnish.

CRAY DODGED ENRIGHT WRATH! HAD A "PULL" OF HIS OWN.

"Only pull counts," wrote poor, Floyd Horton. But in the narrow-minded selfishness of the favoritism of the present Administration there is such a thing as a favoritism between pulls. John Cray is a brother of Patrick Cray, who is a brother-in-law of Charles F. Murphy and has an enviable record as a sensitive. He has had a lifelong feud with Chief Inspector (formerly Second Deputy Commissioner) Lahey and Enright. Neither has had a word to say to him unofficially or unnecessarily since they came into power. He has peculiar ability to get the confidence of the criminals and is a wonderful setter of traps. While he was nominally in charge of the Detective Bureau, Lahey, with Enright's approval, ignored him, went over his head and gave him petty assignments. When Lahey returned to uniform to be Chief Inspector Cray was "promoted" in his place; his only duty now is the signing of pistol permits! His detective qualities have been "scrapped." Mr. Murphy's brother-in-law's brother could not be "run out," so he was "sidetracked."

The case of the setting back of Daniel Costigan in rank from Inspector to Captain is generally familiar. His home is in the Bronx, he is assigned to a precinct in the Brownsville district in Brooklyn. Of his forty-five men on special service to prevent and close vicious resorts, Horton was the leader. Horton, living in Bath Beach, was put to "aviating" between the West 152d and 177th Street stations.

A detective is said to be "aviating" when he can be held responsible for criminal conditions in two separate districts, in neither of which can he spend more than half his time. Detective Sergts. Henry Jessup and Patrick Donnelly were reduced in rank and resigned. Others who had proved their honesty and loyalty under Costigan's direction have been set to "sidewalk pounding" in uniform—among them are Robert Nixon, Edward Dungate and Joseph Christie.

Favoritism has gone so far, apparently, in the demoralization of the Detective Bureau that it has caused the removal of valuable specialized men for the mere reason that official pets make a poor showing beside them.

In former days the greatest enemies of pickpockets in New York were Lieut. McKenna and Detective Frank Cassassa. Lieut. McKenna is now stationed in the Detective Division at the West 123d Street Station, mainly on desk duty, while Cassassa is a precinct detective at the West 30th Street Station, where his specialized skill and training are of no particular value.

Once under Capt. Tunney there were twenty-three specialists in the Bomb Squad. They are five now. Of the men who got results which astonished the Military Intelligence officers of the Government during the war, Terra and Sterrett, who worked as laborers in the Yonkers refineries and prevented many a sugar ship from being sunk with German bombs at sea, were remanded to patrol in uniform and resigned.

Charles Wallace discovered the shop, within a few hundred feet of Police Headquarters, where were manufactured the wooden cases in which bombs were shipped by mail to scores of prominent men a year ago or more. He directed the woodworker to send for him in case the purchasers of the first lot of wooden cylinders returned, and so reported to Sergt. Gegan, who had succeeded Tunney. The woodworker sent the promised word to the bureau. The assignment was taken from Wallace and "Fatty" Brown was detailed in Wallace's place. The suspected man took one glimpse at him and fled, never to return. They had been negotiating for thirty-six more bomb containers. Wallace growled over the fiasco; he is now "pounding the sidewalk" in uniform from the West 20th Street Station.

THE CASE OF O'HARA, HYLAN'S BROTHER-IN-LAW.

But it is the name of Irving O'Hara that arouses the strongest emotions among detectives of Horton's type when they talk freely of the demoralization of the bureau. O'Hara has pull; he is the brother-in-law of Mayor Hylan, no less. For a time he was satisfied to be the special guardian of the Mayor and ride on the front seat of the official automobile when the Mayor made progress between Bushwick Avenue and the City Hall. But it was too tame; they put him in the detective bureau and in the Bomb Squad—for Gegan has a discreet sense as to the proper treatment of those in high favor. O'Hara has been particularly useful in bringing back criminals held safely in arrest in other cities. He has made trips to California, to Canada and is now in Italy, "seeing the world."

The estate to which the Bomb Squad had fallen was remarkably illustrated just before the Wall Street explosion, when for one week the supposed specialists in explosives were employed in handing summonses to smoking passengers on the Staten Island ferryboats at the behest of O'Hara's brother-in-law's most highly esteemed Commissioner, Grover Whalen.

Polignani, who joined the Bresci group of Anarchists, slept and ate with them at the risk of his life for months and gave warning of the attempt on St. Patrick's Cathedral, bringing some of them to justice and frightening others out of the country, is doing patrol duty.

Gilbert, who joined the I. W. W. and furnished invaluable data in the early war days, is still in the squad—he is chauffeur of Gegan's automobile. Tunney and Barnitz, both nagged and humiliated, are out of the department and have formed a detective agency.

Horton knew it and thought everybody knew it—but how many readers of the The Evening World know that there is a ledger known as "The Canned Case Book" at Police Headquarters. There is. And it contains the complaints of all crimes which are not carried actively on the records from which statistics are made. Complaint which are not accompanied with offers of substantial rewards are apt to reach the "Canned Book" swiftly, according to Police Headquarters tradition. The book is only used when a complainant drops in to learn of progress.

"Ah, yes," he is told as the Lieutenant thumbs the "Canned Book," "here we have it. Detectives — and — are working on it." But nobody is working on it or it would not have been taken from the statistical records as a hopeless or "unworthy" case and put in the "Canned Book."

The charge of Horton that semi-annual statistics are manipulated to make the work of the department seem more impressive than it deserves had its public justification when Enright explained the degradation of Costigan by asserting that Inspector Daly's men are making twice as many arrests as Costigan's.

A careful analysis of the records of arrests—which were formerly open to the public—showed this was not true. Enright repeated the charge, backing it up with statistics. The statistics were found to be obtained by the use of overlapping classifications [illegible] orders that the newspaper men who had pointed this out should never be allowed to see the records again.

IT WAS DIFFERENT EVEN IN THE OLD DEVERY DAYS.

"Oh, bring a gatling gun and shoot it at me through the window if your editor says so," said the late William S. Devery to a reporter, when [illegible] rented it was to become his duty to "[illegible] on the pan." [illegible] he continued, "don't let them keep you from coming [illegible] and going through the department every day and if we are doing anything that isn't criminal you'll be in the way of giving us the credit for it."

Ugly and sordid charges were made against Devery and his regime. He was a rough-spoken man, and was more at home leaning against the fire hydrant outside his favorite Eighth Avenue saloon in his shirt sleeves than making speeches at the Waldorf and the Commodore. But nobody ever charged him with inability to maintain "outward order and decency."

For every assignment made in favoritism there is a shortage in men for use in "covering" long stretches of the streets. Every working policeman knows of scores of such details which make his own work harder. The public had one held up to it by Samuel Untermyer in the Lockwood committee only a few weeks ago, when it was revealed that Stephen Birmingham, an aide detective, had been allowed an indefinite leave of absence "to take his wife to the country," ostensibly, but actually to become manager of the Compensation Bureau, established by the notorious Robert P. Brindell, in connection with the Building Trades Council.

How many persons know that the co-operative stores established to give the policeman's family the benefit of co-operative buying are manned, from purchasing agents' offices to truck drivers, by policemen taken from routine duty? There are policemen watching the policemen who are laborers and clerks in police supply warehouses.

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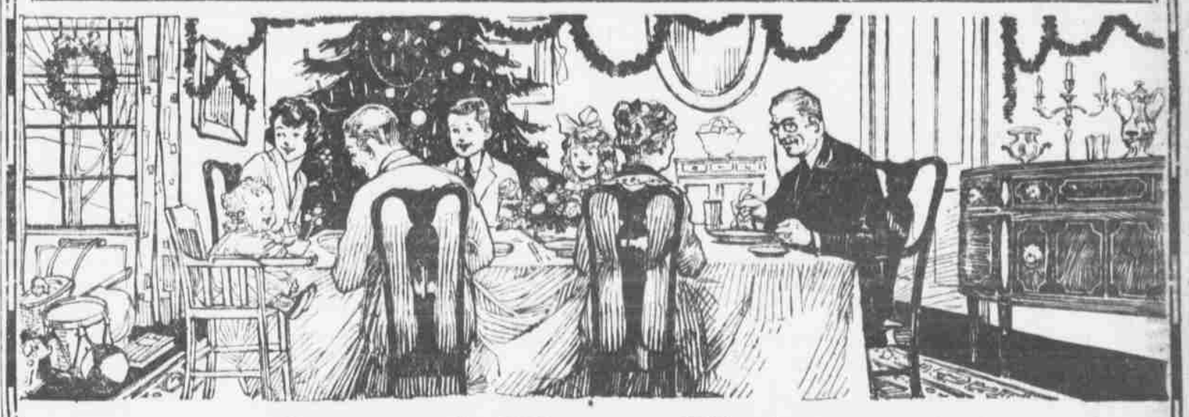

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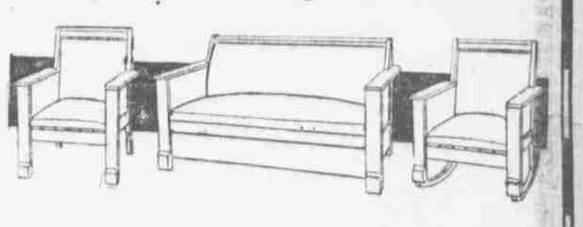

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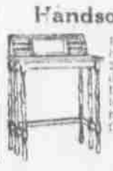

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