

SHIPS' EIGHT CAPTAINS.

NEW ONE IN TENDERLOIN.

Believed To Be New Gambling Crusade—O'Connor to Delancey-st.

In a "shakedown" which Commissioner Greene gave the Police Department yesterday eight captains were transferred and three plain clothes men in the West Thirtieth and West Forty-seventh stations were transferred to patrol duty.

The other transfers were: George H. Holahan, from Delancey-st. to Lee-ave., Brooklyn; Denisweeney, from Greenpoint to Leonard-st.; Bernard Gallagher, from Lee-ave. to Richards-ave., Brooklyn; and Patrick Summers, from Richards-st. to Greenpoint.

Captain Burfield is one of the youngest captains, being forty-one years old, and an appointee of Commissioner Greene on June 1st of this year.

For some time he was known as a "shoo-fly" roundman under Commissioner Theodore Roosevelt. Commissioner Greene, in speaking of him, said: "I expect great things of Captain Burfield. He is a hard worker."

In making the transfers Commissioner Greene said that he was not satisfied with the conditions existing in the case of Captain Holahan. Captain Holahan he said, did not do good work in the six months he was at the Delancey-st. precinct, and had requested to be sent back to Brooklyn, which request was granted.

The wardmen transferred were James H. Armstrong, of the West Thirtieth-st. station, who goes to Parkville; John C. McGuire, of the West Forty-second-st. station, who goes to Flushing; and John G. Taylor, of the West Forty-seventh-st. station, who goes to West Chester. Armstrong has been the head security plain clothes men in the Tenderloin since Captain O'Connor has been in command there.

General Greene said he had nothing to say about the opening of gambling houses further than that if any one would bring the parties to justice, and if he found any game being "tipped off" by a captain he would have the captain's job.

Captains Burfield and Handy were called before Commissioner Greene and instructed as to what they should do. Commissioner Greene said he would not say in what particular.

There were several rumors about headquarters that would be preferred against Captain O'Connor and Armstrong. General Greene rumored that Inspector McLaughlin has a list of gambling houses, which he will soon give to the Commissioner.

Before going away Captain O'Connor turned the command of the station over to Captain Burfield. Captain Burfield said he would do his best to keep the station in line with the law.

"All I have to say to you men," said the new captain, "is to do your duty, without fear or favor. I am under no obligations to any one in this precinct. When you find a violation of the law, report it, and if you are arrested, I will be glad to see you in jail."

At the men had left Captain Burfield said he did not believe Captain O'Connor had left him much to do. He said he would make no changes in the staff of the station.

COLLECTS OVER \$2,000,000 IN TAXES.

Corporation Counsel Says Controversy with Elevated Road Is Settled.

Corporation Counsel Rives yesterday made public a memorandum of unpaid taxes due under the Franchise Tax law, which was enacted in 1900.

The law has been sustained by the Court of Appeals, and is now pending a final decision on its constitutionality in the United States Supreme Court.

The local authorities have nothing to do with the assessment for special franchises, and are not parties to the litigation.

The first class of unpaid taxes are said to amount to \$1,750,000. The unpaid taxes of street railroad corporations due the city are said to amount to \$1,000,000 or \$900,000 for real estate and over \$2,000,000 for personal property.

"On January 1, 1902," says Mr. Rives, "I have collected very large sums from the street railroad companies for taxes imposed prior to 1900. In the case of the Manhattan Railway I collected the sum of \$22,234.56, making, with some less than \$23,000,000 collected in litigated assessments between 1890 and 1900, considerably over \$2,000,000 more than one year's taxes on the property."

IRRIGATION QUESTIONS.

No Consolidation of Congress to Discuss Them with Trans-Mississippi Congress.

Ogden, Utah, Sept. 16.—Methods of colonization of the vast districts of the West and the legal aspect of the whole question of irrigation and the pending legislation of the National Irrigation Act were discussed at the National Irrigation Congress at today's sessions.

The first named subject took up the entire morning session. Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army delivered the principal address.

Immediately after the congress was called to order Senator Carey, of Wyoming, chairman of the Senate committee on the National Irrigation Act, presided over the session.

A long resolution was introduced by George H. Mason, chairman of the National Irrigation Association, favoring recommendations contained in President Roosevelt's telegram of yesterday for the preservation of the forests, favoring the immediate repeal of the National Irrigation Act, and the immediate repeal of the National Irrigation Act.

When the afternoon session convened letters from Chief Engineer George H. Newell, of the United States Geological Survey, were read, and the operation of the Irrigation Congress. Former Governor Francis of New Mexico introduced a resolution providing for a commission to report the condition of the Irrigation Congress constitution, record of previous congresses and their action on the constitution of the National Association of Car Workers.

The report of the committee on credentials was read, showing 90 accredited delegates, representing 11 States and the District of Columbia. The number of delegates, it was said, was due to a number of the delegates, and a number of delegates.

St. Louis and El Paso are the most prominent applicants for next year's congress.

MURTAUGH KEPT IN SUSPENSE.

Prisoner at Castle Williams Awaits Decision of Court Martial.

The published story that Lieutenant Thomas Edward Murtaugh, who was tried in a court martial, was not a deserter, but a soldier who had been found guilty of desertion, as the decision of the court has not yet been announced.

The charges on which he was tried were desertion, embezzlement and conduct unbecoming an officer. Although the lieutenant has been so sure of acquittal that he has planned a dinner to celebrate the event, it is thought that the findings of the court will be against him.

In addition to the charge of desertion, the government accuses him of leaving personal checks when he had no money in the bank, and also of embezzling post exchange funds.

The trial was held in the Court of Sessions, presided over by the Chief Justice, Captain C. W. Kennedy, of the 8th Infantry, acted as advocate for the prisoner. The court held thirteen sittings before it finally reported findings to General Chaffee.

Chaffee is held prisoner under guards in quarters at Castle Williams, on Governor's Island. He is the first prisoner to be held in Castle Williams since Captain Carter was held there several years ago.

RHS HOME NOW OWNS ITS HOUSE.

Arrangements have been made for the purchase of the houses at Nos. 48 and 50 Henry-st., which have been occupied for some time by the Jacob A. Woodhull family.

The houses were purchased by the estate of the late Mr. R. H. Woodhull, published in "The Evening Post" yesterday. The settlement at the home has for some time been in the hands of the executor, Mr. R. H. Woodhull, of the 8th Infantry, acted as advocate for the prisoner. The court held thirteen sittings before it finally reported findings to General Chaffee.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER MILL STRIKE.

Rumford Falls, Me., Sept. 16.—Seven hundred and fifty men employed at the International Paper Company's mills here went on strike to-day. The strikers objected to working with non-union men. An early settlement is looked for.

THE NOURMAHAL IN DISTRESS!

New-London, Sept. 16.—The tug Harriet, while on the mouth of the harbor this morning, sighted a steam yacht near Plum Island with distress signals flying. The Harriet went out to the rescue and towed the disabled yacht, which is thought to be the Nourmahal, into Greenpoint.

MYSTERY IN SHOOTING.

Refined Woman at Roosevelt, Wounded—Three Arrests.

A well dressed woman, of refined appearance, who is believed to be Blanche Seymour, was admitted to Roosevelt Hospital early this morning, with a bullet wound in her abdomen. Just how the shooting occurred is a mystery.

She was taken to the hospital in a cab by a man, who said he was Joseph Wheeler, of No. 51 West Sixty-fifth-st., and a woman, who said she was Ethel Woods, of No. 40, it is said, told conflicting stories. The cabman declared he was standing in front of the Metropolitan Hotel when he received a call from the Elitte Hotel, in Seventh-ave. between Fortieth and Forty-first sts. The woman was brought out of that hotel, he says.

Wheeler and Ethel Woods, together with the injured woman, were arrested.

PARKS BLOCKS PEACE.

His Committee Runs Meeting and Prevents Election of Officers.

When President Robert E. Neidig and his supporters, the respectable element in the House of Representatives, and the House of Representatives, were preparing to take drastic action which will end their duty. Fielding L. Marshall, chairman of the transportation committee of the North Side Board of Trade and leader of the Citizens Union in the Bronx, spoke plainly to a Tribune reporter yesterday regarding the "hold-up" by the aldermen. Mr. Marshall said:

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The present situation of the application of the New York and Port Chester Railroad Company to cross over and under streets in the Bronx is not only exasperating, but suggestive. After a long and arduous fight, the people and the Board of Aldermen, who have charge of the matter, the chairman of the railroad committee, Alderman Diemer, who promised to call a meeting of his committee, has not done so, his excuse being that he could not get the members together.

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"HOLD-UP" STIRS BRONX.

People Demand That Aldermen Act in Port Chester Case.

It is probable that, unless the Board of Aldermen pass some action on September 23, takes action on the application of the New York and Port Chester Railroad Company for permission to cross over and under streets of the Bronx, a mass meeting of that borough's several organizations will be held to stir up the aldermen. The railroad committee has held up the resolution to grant the required permission since May 1. The impression is gaining strength among representative Bronx residents that certain members of the railroad committee are purposely delaying consideration of the resolutions, and that they are repeating the tactics indulged in when the application of the Pennsylvania Railroad for a tunnel franchise was before the aldermen.

Alderman Gass, who introduced the original resolution granting to the Port Chester road the right to cross the streets over and under which the line will pass, says he is powerless to advance its passage. Alderman William D. Peck, a member of the railroad committee, and representing a Bronx ward, said he was unable to get the aldermen to take any action on the matter. The chairman of the railroad committee, Alderman Diemer, who promised to call a meeting of his committee, has not done so, his excuse being that he could not get the members together.

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STARVED BY STRIKE.

Mother and Children Cry for Bread in Storm.

Wet to the skin by the rain which beat down on them, and crying softly for something to eat, four children, the oldest six years and the youngest one year, walked into the East Twenty-second-st. station during the height of the storm yesterday, tugging at the skirts of their mother. The woman was weeping, and in a choking voice addressed Sergeant Jordan:

"For God's sake give my little ones something to eat. Oh, please do—they're so hungry."

Sergeant Jordan rose from the desk, overcome with emotion at the sight of the forlorn woman and her children, but he had no sooner learned over the rail than he saw the mother fall to the floor. The little ones knelt down beside her, crying as if their hearts would break, and kissing her thin, emaciated face.

"Please don't cry, mamma," they said, "and we won't ask for bread any more."

The sergeant rung for the matron, and the woman was carried into the back room, where restoratives were applied, which revived her. When she recovered her voice she told Sergeant Jordan that she and her children had been in the street since last night, and that they had not eaten a bite of food.

The troubles of the Moahrs began when the building trades strike was called last May. The husband and father, John Frederick Moahr, is an expert electrician, and when he was called out he thought that the strike would be of short duration. But he was doomed to disappointment. The little money he had saved was soon spent, and a few weeks after the strike was on he found himself and his family destitute. Do what he would he could not get employment without invoking the wrath of the union, and he had to live in the hope that the strike would soon be settled.

The Moahrs occupied rooms at Thirty-ninth-st. and Tenth-ave., where they sold their furniture, piece by piece. On Monday the last they had in the world was sold for a few dollars, and then they were left with nothing but their children. Taking her four children with her, Mrs. Moahr went to live with her sister, a Mrs. Haggerty, who was supplied with food and clothing, but she could not pay, and soon found it an impossibility to provide for her own family and the Moahrs.

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