

NIGHT COURT ABUSES METHODS ARE CENSURED.

First Year, Says Report, Was Marked by Many Loose Practices.

More system and closer observation of the statutes by the magistrates are the chief recommendations of the Commissioners of Accounts, as the result of their investigation of the night court from its opening, August 1, 1907, to May 31, 1908. The commissioners were requested to investigate by Mayor McClellan after the removal of Magistrate Otto H. Droegge. His report has just been made public.

Loose probation practices, different mode of disposal of similar cases by magistrates, and release of prisoners by the latter without authority in law from the commissioners. The record book of probationers was found to be inaccurate, incomplete and untrustworthy; no record of attorneys appearing in cases was kept; the court bondbook was not correctly written up; there was much confusion of thought in the numerous cases being tried day and night in the same courtroom; cases were found to have been reopened by the magistrates without the consent of the commissioners; the sentences modified by magistrates without any apparent reason. The methods employed in the disposal of probation cases came in for extended attention. It is said that cases of this description were seldom if ever investigated by the probation officers when the probationer was first placed in their charge. No reports were required by magistrates. Further consideration of the night court is being given by the commissioners, and the work of the probation officers was inefficient, and they urge the appointment of a chief probation officer, with some actual power.

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KILLED BY BLOW IN FACE. Early Morning Argument in Saloon Results in Manager Being Held for Homicide.

In a trivial dispute over the occupancy of a chair in Korn's saloon, at No. 825 Columbus avenue, early yesterday morning, James McCarthy, twenty years of age, a bookkeeper, living at No. 14 West 98th street, was killed by a blow in the face, which caused hemorrhage of the brain. McCarthy entered the saloon with three friends about 1 a. m., and the party took seats at a table. A man who had been seated at the table, but had left his chair to go to the telephone, returned a moment later and demanded that McCarthy give up the seat. James Kelly, the manager of the place, intervened in the argument, and accused McCarthy of being drunk. McCarthy, who was accompanied by Joseph DeLoe, one of McCarthy's friends, given to Coroner Harburger later, Kelly struck McCarthy a blow in the face with his fist, which felled the unfortunate man. Dr. DeLoe, summoned from St. Hood Wright Hospital, found him dead a few minutes later. Kelly was held on a charge of homicide.

GREAT SNAKES—AND LITTLE ONES. They and the Monkeys and the Birds Amuse Record Crowd at Bronx Park.

There are two thousand snakes in the reptile house at Bronx park, and a healthier lot are not to be found in any museum collection in this country. This, so officials at the Zoological Garden say, is one reason for the good appetites of nearly every snake in the place. The number of frogs gobbled down by the small reptiles amounts to over three hundred a week, while the pythons and the larger snakes with their many rats, mice, chickens and other things suitable to their taste. Out of a recently procured lot of plump frogs from ponds up the state, only four or five small fellows were left swimming in the receptacle back of Assistant Curator Dittmar's office yesterday. They would soon go the way, said Mr. Dittmar, so many frogs had gone.

CHILD BURNED WHILE IRONING. Fourteen-year-old May Debnay, who lives with her parents at No. 230 East 98th street, was ironing yesterday morning, when she carelessly leaned over the blaze that was heating her iron, and before her mother could smother the flames which caught her dress the girl was burned so badly that she is now in the hospital, where she was taken, said last night that her recovery was doubtful.

POST YOURSELF ON THE TARIFF. Secure a copy of the Full Official Text of the New Payne Law, with the Concurrent Resolution correcting the same. Approved August 15th, 1909.

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CITY RUNS FIRST CARS. More than 15,000 Fares Collected on the New Queensboro Bridge.

Father Knickerbocker collected 1750 yesterday in 5-cent instalments when the Department of Bridges started ten cars over the first municipal operated trolley tracks in New York, on the Queensboro bridge. Upward of fifteen thousand fares were checked in at the turnstiles on the Manhattan end of the bridge, and Bridge Commissioner J. W. Stevenson, who had charge of the operation, estimated that one-half of that number of daily passengers would pay expenses.

The collection of the bridge fare at the Manhattan end puzzled many passengers, who boarded the cars at the Queens end and thought they were enjoying a free ride. W. W. Sigfield, the Bridge Department man in charge of the turnstiles, took the first ticket for a car ride over the Brooklyn Bridge, and also over the Williamsburg Bridge, and yesterday he added his third "first ticket" to his previous souvenirs.

Borough President Gresser of Queens and Joseph Cassidy, who are engaged in a primary campaign for the leadership, enlivened the situation around the platform at the Queens end of the new trolley line with flaming posters. Cassidy's forces were the first to seize the opportunity, and early yesterday morning they had placarded a good half of the billboard space there with the announcement that Cassidy was the man who obtained the establishment of the city trolley line across the bridge.

When Gresser's men saw the posters they acted quickly, and when the crowds began to travel across the new line, about 10 o'clock in the morning, they saw beside the Cassidy posters others, equally glaring, with the announcement: "Gresser is the man who put the cars on the bridge; not Cassidy."

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One of these difficulties is that caused by the necessity of both preparing the milk and distributing it. The committee believes that the milk should be prepared by business enterprise, and that the work of distribution should also be placed in other hands. Its members declare that they have all they can do to raise the money needed to pay for the milk and give personal attention to the educational and relief work. They are organizing the Model Milk Company as a commercial enterprise, and the stock subscribed by members of the committee and others is being used for the purpose of largely providing the needed sort of milk at low prices and equipment for increasing the number of infants' milk depots.

Wilbur C. Phillips, secretary of the Milk Committee, said yesterday, in speaking of the obstacles which impede its work: "Since June 1, 1908, the committee has been operating seven infant milk stations, five of which milk modified to suit the individual needs of infants has been dispensed. The work of preparing, handling and distributing this milk has grown to such proportions that the committee finds itself swamped with work and unable to give any time to raising money for the free milk and attending otherwise to its relief and educational work."

TWO HELD AFTER STRANGE DEATH. White Man and Negro Sent to Workhouse When Police Find Laborer's Body.

The dead body of John L. Warren, a laborer, of No. 23 Globe street, Jersey City, was found at the bottom of the basement stairway of a tenement house at No. 128 Heister street yesterday. The man's scalp was badly lacerated, and Dr. Doe, of Governor Hospital, who was summoned, said that he had either fallen down the stairs or been struck with a blunt instrument.

DROWNED FLEEING FROM DOG. Boy Jumps from East River Pier to Escape from Animal He Had Teased.

Pursued by an angry dog, Robert Jonas, ten years old, who lived with his parents at No. 39 Humboldt street, Williamsburg, was drowned in the East River off South 5th street yesterday morning. Robert accompanied several of his youthful companions to the pier at South 5th street, where there is moored a sand scow in charge of Captain Peter Henderson. On the scow is a large bull terrier dog.

BOY FALLS INTO BONFIRE. Six-year-old Louis Bressler saw a number of larger boys running through and jumping over a bonfire they had built in front of his home, No. 13 East 119th street, yesterday evening, and tried to imitate them. His first jump cleared the flames, but his foot slipped as he landed after the second, and he fell back into the fire. His clothing caught fire and blazed up as he ran screaming to the sidewalk. Passersby seized the child and tore off his burning clothing, but not before he had been badly burned. He was taken to the Harlem Hospital.

UNEMPLOYED DEFEND SUFFRAGETTES. A new speaker at the regular Sunday afternoon meeting of the unemployed in the dark, narrow hall at No. 44 Bowers yesterday met with unexpected opposition when he condemned woman suffrage, and had to cut his speech short. The largest audience that the place has held for months attended, because a promise of free luncheon had been made.

CANADIAN BANK CLERKS HELD. Cecil Drake, John D. Strong and Harold M. Lewis, two of them clerks of the Imperial Bank of Victoria, B. C., were held in the Tombs court yesterday under \$500 bail each for passing bad checks. The young Canadians were arrested on Saturday at the request of the Victoria Chief of Police, who asked that they be detained pending extradition proceedings. They were taken to the Waldorf on Saturday afternoon and detectives got them there.

TO ARGUE WATER CASE INJUNCTION IN COURT. Patterson Reservoir Decision Will Have Farreaching Results.

The motion to make permanent the temporary injunction against the building of the Patterson reservoir will be heard in the Supreme Court today by Justice Blanchard. Should the injunction be made permanent the life of the Aqueduct Commission, unless an unforeseen contingency arises, would be limited to the time necessary to complete the Croton Falls reservoir, but if otherwise the Croton Falls reservoir, for extensive additions to the present storage capacity of the Croton watershed will be begun at once which would probably not be completed in five years.

The work in the northernmost part of the watershed was not wholly held up by the temporary injunction. Special permission was given to go ahead with the surveys so that time might not be lost if the decision should be favorable to the Aqueduct Commission. There are now two parties of surveyors at work near Patterson, with a crew of fifteen men. Borings have been made where the dam may be built, about four miles to the southeast of Patterson, at De Forest Corners, and the ground residents are being notified. The eastern end of the dam will be, if it is built, within a half mile of the Connecticut state line.

The result of the new dam at De Forest Corners and the earthen dam to the north of Hinckley's Pond would be to gather for the city's use most of the surface water that now is either lost or in danger of being polluted. The eastern end of the dam will be, if it is built, within a half mile of the Connecticut state line. The new Patterson reservoir would take in about four thousand acres of rich bottom land, wipe out the business section of Patterson and compel the Harlem Railroad to remove its tracks to the westward. The new reservoir would add about 20,000,000 gallons to the city's reserve supply of water, or sufficient for sixty days.

It is expected that the new Croton Falls dam will be completed by November 1, so that water may be stored there. Very little has been said about the construction of this new storage place. It will, when completed, add 14,000,000 gallons to the city's supply. But the completion of this dam will not mean the completion of the works as planned by the Aqueduct Commission. At least will pass before the diverting basin south of Brewster will be ready for use. The dam about two miles south of that town will check the water in the east branch of the Croton River as it comes down from the East Branch and Bog Brook reservoirs and divert it through a channel now under construction to the different reservoirs.

For a long time the construction of this diverting channel, 3,700 feet long, was held up by the failure of the contractors, the Croton Falls Construction Company, to get the right of way under the tracks of the Harlem Railroad. Engineers of the road were up there last week, and it is believed that the plans will be laid out by the end of the month. On either side of the channel work has been progressing so that the approaches under the track are about the only stretches not completed.

F. S. Cook, acting chief engineer of the Aqueduct Commission, is with his staff of engineers near the village, which is just below the dam, most of the time. He has no objection to the plan that branch of the service, as the contractors are not engineers and do not maintain a force to help them, depending altogether upon Mr. Cook and his men. The contractors have had much experience in building sewers and are pushing the work now with great vigor. They have said that but for the drawbacks experienced with the town of Brewster, and which they would have been able to finish well within the contract time, and as it is the dam will be in shape to hold water as soon as it was expected to be.

With this reservoir holding water the supply possible to store in the watershed containers will be \$8,400,000 gallons, which, with the water stored in the Bronx and Byram water-works, will give the city a supply of 10,000,000 gallons. This would be increased by 20,000,000 if the Patterson reservoir should be built. With the latter filled with water, city officials say, the completion of the Catskill supply could be looked forward to with complacency, as even if there should be delay the city would be safe from a water famine.

PLANS AN INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS. Ralph M. Easley, Just Back from Europe, Will Put Matter Before Civic Federation.

Ralph M. Easley, chairman of the executive committee of the National Civic Federation, who returned from Europe on the steamship Celtic yesterday, announced that he had completed preliminary arrangements for an International Industrial Congress to be held in this country next week. His plans are adopted by the federation, which is to meet in this city on November 15. The plan to form an international organization met with the approval of government officials and labor men in England, Germany, Austria and France, where Mr. Easley appeared at a number of conferences.

The time to hold the congress is now at hand," said Mr. Easley. "While we are making big strides in our organizations there is much to be learned from the European labor bureaus, and such an international meeting will be of great educational value. The chief topics to be considered are the methods of conciliation and arbitration, trade unionism, labor laws, labor courts, old age pensions, labor employment bureaus and problems pertaining to women and children."

WILKINSON PREACHES ON BROADWAY. The Rev. William Wilkinson, whom some folk call the Bishop of Broadway, held his sermon at the Fulton street yesterday afternoon as another field for his labors. Soon after 4 o'clock he mounted the little stool he has made familiar to his Wall street congregation and in a few minutes had an audience around him that numbered five or six thousand.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE. MINIATURE ALMANAC. Sunrise 6:45; Sunset 6:02; Moon sets 9:07; Moon's age 6; High Water. A. M.—Sandy Hook 10:20; Island 11:14; Hell Gate 1:04. P. M.—Sandy Hook 11:02; Island 12:11; Hell Gate 1:31.

WIRELESS REPORTS. The Oscar II, reported as 273 miles east of Sandy Hook at 8 p. m. yesterday, is expected to arrive this afternoon. The ship is carrying 1,172 miles east of Sandy Hook at 4 p. m. yesterday. It is expected to dock Wednesday forenoon.

INCOMING STEAMERS. TO-DAY. From. Line. Copenhagen. P. & O. September 11. D. W. Philadelphia. P. & O. September 11. Red D. Philadelphia. P. & O. September 11. Red D. Philadelphia. P. & O. September 11. Red D.

OUTGOING STEAMERS. TO-DAY. To. Line. Vessel. Date. Yonkers. P. & O. September 11. D. W. Philadelphia. P. & O. September 11. Red D. Philadelphia. P. & O. September 11. Red D.

James McCreery & Co. 23rd Street 54th Street. SILK DEPARTMENTS. In Both Stores.

"McCreery Silks." For Autumn wear. A complete assortment of the latest Paris weaves and colors. On Monday and Tuesday, September the 20th and 21st. Sale of Five Thousand yards, heavy cord, Black Ottoman Silk and Moire Velour. One yard wide. 1.25 per yard former price 2.00

DRESS GOODS DEPTS. In Both Stores. On Monday and Tuesday, September the 20th and 21st. Sale of Diagonal Suitings, one of the season's desirable weaves. Sponged and shrunk. A complete range of the new Autumn shades. 54 and 56 inches wide. 1.25 per yard value 1.75

BLACK BROADCLOTH. Unusual sale of Imported Black Broadcloth. Sponged, shrunk and spot proof. 52 inches wide. 1.45 per yard value 2.00

James McCreery & Co. 23rd Street 54th Street. FOR INLAND NAVIGATION. Large Company Plans Sea and River Routes from New Orleans to N. Y.

St. Louis, Sept. 19.—The most important step in the history of river navigation in the Mississippi Valley will be taken to-morrow when the incorporation papers of the Mississippi Valley Transportation Company are filed with the Secretary of State at Wilmington, Del. For the first time a big corporation has been organized with ample capital to provide modern steel vessels, the latest types of freight loading apparatus at the terminals, and all the necessary accessories for proper handling of traffic by water on a large scale.

The plans of the company include lines extending not only up and down the rivers, but by sea to New York, Boston and Philadelphia, to Galveston and Tampico, to Tehuantepec and Panama, and eventually to South America, and alliances already formed for European business promises the diversion of a great deal of import traffic to New Orleans as soon as the new company's barges are afloat.

The new concern is to be headed by W. K. Kavanaugh, president of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterways Association, who will be the host of President Taft when he travels down the Mississippi in October. Nearly all the incorporators have been actively identified with the deep waterways movement, and they all believe that the river will soon be deepened to the depths they advocate. They will not wait for this, but intend to develop traffic on the channels now existing.

The river in front of Memphis is 125 feet deep at low water, and there are now few bars between Cairo and New Orleans. In the main line between New Orleans and St. Louis barges drawing eight feet and carrying four thousand tons each will soon be installed, and as soon as river conditions warrant this service will be supplemented with through steamboats from St. Louis to New York. Smaller barges, built of steel, but of larger capacity than ever before, are being ordered and will be used on the upper Mississippi and the tributaries. Minneapolis alone ships 1,000,000 tons of flour a year, and there are other rich cargoes waiting by the river for the new company to collect. The promoters expect to buy and operate short connecting railroads to broaden their field.

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STEAMERS AT FOREIGN PORTS. Dover, Sept. 19, 11:07 a. m.—Lupland (Belg.) New York for Antwerp. Liverpool, Sept. 19, 11:07 a. m.—Batle (Belg.) New York via Queenstown; Carmania (Belg.) New York via Queenstown. Southampton, Sept. 18—St. Paul, New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg. SAILED. Queenstown, Sept. 19, 7:10 a. m.—Cedric (Belg.) from Liverpool for New York. MAILED. Brown Head, Sept. 19, 10:10 p. m.—Mauretania (Belg.) New York for Queenstown.

AMUSEMENTS. 6-PIPPORODRE 6th Ave. 43rd-44th Daily 8:15. Inside the 4 Trip. Herald Sq. 10:15. The Blue Mouse. Comedy Walker Whitehead—The Melting Pot. Lyric. Eves 8:15. Matinee Fri. and Sat. 2:15. Whittney Opera Co.—Chocolate Soldier. Wagnett Theatre, West 42d St. Eves 8:15. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. Elsie Ferguson in SUGH A LITTLE QUEEN SEATS 8 WEEKS IN ADVANCE. CASINO. Last Wk Eves 8:15. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. MAJESTIC GUY RATES POST IN THE BRIDGE. D'WAY. Eves 8:15. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. DAILY'S LAST Wk Eves 8:30. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. LINCOLN SQ. Eves 8:15. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. THE WITCHING HOUR. WEST END CHARLES RICHMAN—The Revelers. YORKVILLE. Eves 8:15. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. Beginning Wednesday Night, 8:15. BIRJO. Eves 8:15. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. WJOU. Eves 8:15. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. THE INTRUDER. MATINEES THIS WEEK, Thurs. and Sat.

ASTOR Eves 8:15. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. THE MAN FROM HOME. WALLACK'S. Eves 8:15. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. ONE DOLLAR-MARK. MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE. Preliminary Season Grand Opera 50c to \$2. TONIGHT, RIGOLETTO (Miranda Beck). THURS. EVE. ZEROLA. IN AID OF THE INVOLUNTARY.

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Considering the fact that no cotton whatever is allowed to be a "black sheep" and "butt in" to our woolsens, we are naturally much interested in President Taft's remarks on the wool tariff.

We are with him heartily when he says that the wool tariff ought to have been revised, though it affects us and our product much less than most of our friends in our industry.

For under the present tariff the cheapest grades of wool now pay the heaviest tax, and the wearers of cheap clothing would benefit most by a fair revision.

But since we are doing business today with to-morrow and the years to come in mind, we want to give our customers the greatest value possible.

We believe we are now giving the greatest value possible under present conditions, being both manufacturers and retailers, yet we should like to give more.

But whatever the tariff, we use only all wool and fast color fabrics. Fall suits, \$18 to \$48. Fall overcoats, \$18 to \$40.

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