

NEW GRAFT TRAIL FOUND

Dock Department Inquiry Discloses Big Discrepancies.

FORMER EMPLOYE MISSING

Records Said to Show He Retained About \$10,000 a Year of Wharfage Fees.

As the first result of the uncovering by Commissioner of Accounts Fosdick of what seems to have been some splendid fields of graft in the Department of Docks and Ferries, a warrant is out for the arrest of John J. Cauldwell, a former dockmaster, on the charge of grand larceny.

The police have been unable to serve the warrant, which Mayor Gaynor, exercising his prerogative as a magistrate, issued on Wednesday night. It is said that Cauldwell, who resigned on April 13, when he heard he was under investigation, drew out a large amount of money from the Flatbush Trust Company and left town. His home is at No. 134 Clarkson street, Brooklyn. He was stationed at the Wallabout Basin.

According to Commissioner Fosdick, the investigation of Cauldwell's records for the last two years shows that he retained at least one-third of the money collected by him as wharfage. The money so retained is estimated at about \$10,000 a year, and the Commissioner says that what the city lost in the other five years that Cauldwell was in the department is a matter of conjecture only.

There is a strong suspicion in the minds of those familiar with the case that some one else in the department knew about Cauldwell's alleged scheme and shared in the division.

Other Graft at the Docks. Another prolific source of graft unearthed by Commissioner of Accounts Fosdick is the extortion of money by certain dockmasters for rood berths at city piers. It had long been a matter of common knowledge among shipping interests, Commissioner Fosdick learned, that in order to get a good berth at any time they were needed it was necessary to "fee" the dockmasters. He has been told that certain boat owners found it to their advantage to pay regular gratuities to the dockmaster where they berthed. Formerly these grasping dockmasters, it was said, were brazen in their demands that they be paid out of the hands of the pier's incoming captains and ask how much there was in it to allow the boat to dock at once. More recently the dockmasters had been a little more careful, and conducted their negotiations in an underdone in a secluded place.

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WRIGHTS' FEE INDEFINITE

But No Aero Meet May Be Held Without Their License.

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The Aero Club of America sent a circular letter to its affiliated clubs throughout the country yesterday explaining the contract into which it has entered with the Wright Company. The club realized, said the circular, that under existing conditions, and so unfavorable to the club, it was necessary to enter into a contract with the Wright Company, which would be a little more careful, and conducted their negotiations in an underdone in a secluded place.

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COTTON INQUIRY IS CLOSED

Pool Agreement Said To Be in Government's Hands.

EXCHANGE SEAT SELLS OFF

President Brennecke Declares Decline Was Not Due to Grand Jury Action.

With the examination of seven witnesses before the federal grand jury yesterday the preliminary government investigation of the alleged bull pool in cotton was brought to an end.

The Assistant Attorney General, Clark McKercher, who is conducting the proceedings under the complaint, which, as set forth in the subpoenas, was "the government act. William P. Brown, F. B. Hayne, of New Orleans; J. A. Patten, of Chicago, and Eugene P. Scales, of Texas, charged with conspiracy to advance the price of cotton futures in violation of the law," went to the capital last night to report the findings.

All sorts of reports were current in the cotton district, the one that persisted most being that the government was aiming to "hold up" shippers for the privileges of docking facilities, and their cases will be investigated at a hearing at the Dock Department to-morrow.

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PROBE LOSS OF PAPERS

Intimation of Theft Creeps Into Hyde Trial.

NURSE FINISHES HER STORY

Says Deaths of Colonel Swope and Margaret Swope Were Similar.

Kansas City, Mo., April 21.—Rigorous investigation of the disappearance of some of the state's documentary evidence, including the notes of a Chicago toxicologist, in the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde for the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, was ordered to-day by Prosecutor Virgil Conkling.

The most important of which was the statement by Ruby B. Garrett, the man who lost the papers, that he did not drop them at the point where they are said to have been found by a negro who turned them over to the defence.

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YEGGMAN A MURDERER

Convicted of Killing the Man Who "Peached" on the Gang.

CLARK AND JOYCE HEARD

Grand Jury Gets More Evidence in \$50,000 Loan Inquiry.

Walter L. Clark and M. M. Joyce were witnesses yesterday before the grand jury to which Assistant District Attorney Nott is presenting additional evidence in the \$50,000 Windsor Trust Company-Heineze company loan scandal brought out at the trial of Donald Persch, Stirling Birmingham call to see Mr. Nott during the day before.

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Chief officers of the boats would not "give up" said that after finally getting a berth they would find themselves subjected to all sorts of annoyances. Their lines would be cut and thieves would break into their boats and carry off property. The result was that boat owners found it necessary to keep "tipping" certain dockmasters.

Criminal Action Planned. The Dock Commissioner has the names of a number of men who are charged with demanding or accepting tips, and the matter will be taken before the District Attorney.

The city charter specifically makes it a misdemeanor for dockmasters to receive any tips of valuable consideration, and they are supposed to turn into the cashier of the Dock Department the regular wharfage fees at the end of each day. To accept any such emolument makes a dockmaster subject to a fine of \$500 or possibly a sentence of thirty days in jail.

According to a system in use in the Dock Department for some time the dockmaster in receiving wharfage fees was supposed to punch a duplicate ticket with the date and amount received. The third folder was handed to the owner of the boat as a receipt, the second folder was retained by the dockmaster as a record and the first folder was forwarded to the department as a voucher. In addition, the dockmasters have been supposed to keep a time book, in which they kept a record of the various boats occupying their docks. These books are turned in at the end of each month, to be checked up with the vouchers.

Found Many Discrepancies. By comparing them with the receipts of boat owners who had paid money to Cauldwell the Commissioner of Accounts says he found discrepancies of a remarkable nature. His report says:

"In very few cases did the first and third folders of the duplicate tickets agree, and in a different time. In other words, the amounts of money which appeared upon the receipts held by the owners of the boats were turned into the cashier's office by the dockmaster