

UNITED STATES QUICK TO AID BRITISH SEAMEN

Detectives Investigating Story of Brutal Assault on Men by West Street Gang.

BOTH RECENTLY IN COURT

Testified Against Firm Fined for Exacting Fees for Obtaining Employment for Four English Sailors.

The United States District Attorney's office began an investigation yesterday of the case of two British sailors, Louis Van Reath and Alphin Mylenars, who pleaded that they were attacked and brutally assaulted on Saturday night by several unknown assailants near the American Seamen's Friend Society, at No. 567 West street, where they have made their home while in port.

Van Reath and Mylenars were two of the witnesses who appeared recently before Judge Hough, in the United States Circuit Court, and testified against the firm of Weinhold & Horn, shipping masters of No. 28 Whitehall street, the members of which were convicted and fined \$250 each on the charge of having exacted fees for obtaining employment for these witnesses and for other seamen on the British steamship Kirby Bank. Leonard McGee, counsel for the Legal Aid Society, through which organization the action was instituted against Weinhold & Horn, brought the alleged assault on the two sailors to the attention of United States District Attorney Wray yesterday, and detectives were at once assigned to the case to run down the assailants, if possible.

Responsibility Denied.

Mr. McGee said yesterday that it appeared to be a case of "beating up" the two sailors in order to impress upon seamen in general the inexpediency and danger of appearing and pressing their complaints against shipping masters with whom they have to deal in finding employment. He declared, however, that the society had no evidence to connect the convicted shipping masters, Weinhold & Horn, with the undoing of Van Reath and Mylenars. William T. Egan, of the firm of Weinhold & Horn, when seen last night positively denied that his firm was in any way responsible for the rough handling of the two sailors.

"I had no knowledge of the story that these two men had been assaulted," he said, "until some one told us of it yesterday. We don't use that kind of tactics in our business, and it is more than likely that the sailors brought the trouble upon themselves with too much bragging."

Whatever the two men encountered there is no doubt that they got the worst of it, for their faces showed the deep effects of a recent pounding and Van Reath lost a chance to ship with a skipper, which had been secured through the British Consul's office, because of an ugly gash in the top of his head which has not healed properly. Mylenars refused to ship without his pal and both men will remain ashore long enough to appear against their assailants, should they be found.

Found Unconscious in Street.

According to the story of the sailors they were within two blocks of the American Seamen's Friend Society, in West street Saturday night, when three men fell upon them, and as they attempted to keep their sea legs and defend themselves as best they could one of the attacking party gave a signal and several other men rushed out of the dark and beat them to the ground. It was the dark to see their assailants, they fell, and when they regained consciousness one was near but a patrolman, who had found them lying on the sidewalk and had summoned an ambulance. The sailors were taken to the hospital, where their injuries were treated and when they returned to the Seamen's Society.

It was said at the British Consul's office yesterday that the effect of the alleged assault upon Seamen Van Reath and Mylenars would go far to counteract the salutary results obtained by the conviction of Weinhold & Horn, which was the first conviction obtained in several years, although cases of a similar kind were frequently brought to the attention of the British Consul.

"Whether the treatment meted out to these two sailors had anything to do with their appearance against the convicted shipping masters or not," said the Consul Broderick yesterday, "is a question which I do not know."

"It is most unfortunate that the incident happened just at this time, as it will have the same effect and make it harder than ever to get seamen to come forward and expose the men who take their money illegally, and the dishonest shipping master who imposes upon the seamen through the latter's responsibility there will be more strongly entrenched in his wrongdoing than before."

Mr. Broderick said that frequently seamen who had complained of the methods of shipping masters and had consented to appear as witnesses against them had disappeared before the case could be brought into court.

MAY CONSIDER PROCTER OFFER

Princeton University Trustees Will Hold Special Meeting To-day.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Princeton, N. J., June 8.—A special meeting of the trustees of Princeton University has been called for to-morrow, in order to discuss the business that must be carried on during the regular spring meeting on next Monday and not be too greatly hurried. Expected to-morrow will be the nature of the business to be done, but it is not yet known whether there will be any offer to the university at this meeting. It is believed that important offers concerning the recent gifts and offers for the graduation of the school will be considered to-morrow. The trustees themselves were present concerning the nature of the business to be discussed.

GRIEF FOR FIREMAN KILLS Cotter's Aunt Dies Beside His Body—Two Funerals To-day.

Lying side by side in their home, at No. 271 Hudson street, are the bodies of Timothy Cotter, the fireman who was suffocated in the Washington street fire early Monday morning, and that of his aunt, Mrs. Nora Willman, a widow. The latter died from grief over the sad ending of her nephew. When the body of the young man was brought home, Mrs. Willman could not be consoled, and refused to leave the room where he lay. On Monday evening at 6 o'clock she died in a chair by the side of the body. She was forty-five years old.

Chief Croker, by order of Commissioner Waldo, yesterday issued special orders that a guard of honor from the Fire Department shall attend the funerals of Cotter and William F. Healey, who also lost his life in the same fire. The funeral of Cotter will be held at St. Alphonsus's Church to-day, and two men, each from the 31st, 32d, 33d, 38th, 40th, 41st and 49th battalions are detailed as a guard of honor.

BLAME FOR BUREAU ALSO Surprise Expressed in Report to Mayor That No Check Was Kept on Accounts by the Management.

Charged with the misappropriation of moneys paid by parents for the partial support of their children in charitable institutions, John J. MacArthur, former financial clerk of the children's bureau of the Department of Public Charities, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market police court yesterday afternoon. He was held in \$2,500 bail.

COMMISSIONER FOSDICK HELD ON CHARGE BY

Former Charities Clerk John J. MacArthur Accused of Misuse of Funds.

Commissioner Fosdick of the Department of Accounts, who made the complaint, alleged in a report to the Mayor that in the cases he had been able to examine MacArthur had turned in less than 33 per cent of the money collected. He added:

"The total extent to which these defalcations ran it is impossible to determine. It is estimated that fifteen thousand receipts were given out by MacArthur during his incumbency as financial clerk. In this period he turned into the city treasury approximately \$75,000. While an estimate on this basis is by no means accurate, it affords some idea of the possible scope of his peculations."

According to Commissioner Fosdick, MacArthur was allowed not only to receive the cash and give receipts without any serious attempt to check his work, but was charged with the responsibility of keeping the ledger and making the daily returns to the superintendent of the bureau.

"The fact that his defalcations extended over the three years of his incumbency, when the simplest kind of a check would have discovered them," reads the report, "is in itself a severe commentary on the business administration of the bureau."

Since 1902 parents of children committed to charitable institutions have been obliged to contribute to their support in such weekly or monthly sums, specified in advance, as could be afforded. Carbon copies of the receipts given have served as a cash book from which to post the ledger.

MacArthur, whose home is at No. 1560 East 49th street, Brooklyn, was appointed financial clerk in the children's bureau in June, 1907. On January 21, 1910, his resignation was requested because of drunkenness, according to Commissioner Fosdick. As is the rule in cases of resignation, the name was returned to the Civil Service lists, and on March 22 MacArthur was appointed a bookkeeper in the Fire Department. He held that place at the time of his arrest. His accounts there will be examined.

About May 1 Commissioner Drummond of the Department of Charities called the attention of the Commissioner of Accounts to apparent discrepancies in the children's accounts, and an investigation has been under way ever since. In regard to the results Commissioner Fosdick's report to the Mayor says:

"In order thoroughly to check his accounts it was necessary to secure from as many of the parents as possible the original receipts which had been given for moneys contributed to the support of the children. Of the thousands of receipts rendered for this purpose during his incumbency, we secured 380, extending from the beginning to the end of his administration. Of these 380 receipts, 361 cases were found where the original receipts did not agree in amount with the carbon copies; 88 cases where the names of the parties paying the money did not agree; 83 cases where the amount of the original receipts had never been posted in the ledger; 226 cases where the original receipts did not agree in amount with the ledger entry; 83 cases where carbon copies for which no receipts were ever given. Of the \$2,786.50 represented by the 350 receipts which we were able to secure, only \$997.75, or less than 33 per cent, was turned into the city treasury."

The specific charge made in the complaint of Commissioner Fosdick is that "on December 14, 1909, MacArthur received from one Michael O'Donnell, of No. 2075 Arthur avenue, the Bronx, the sum of \$50 in payment of the support of his three children who were in city institutions, and that of this sum he turned over \$20 to the Superintendent of Public Charities and misappropriated \$30."

In the police court MacArthur refused to talk, and waived examination.

SIX TO ARREST A WOMAN

Knocked Another Woman Down in Street, It Was Charged.

After a strenuous struggle with six policemen, Mrs. Elizabeth Vlau, of No. 206 West 46th street, was arrested at her home yesterday on a charge of assault. The complainant was a young woman, who said she was Marie Shields, of Baltimore, staying with friends at the Times Square Hotel.

According to the complainant, she was walking in West 46th street when Mrs. Vlau rushed at her and knocked her down, afterward inflicting severe injuries on her. Miss Shields said she had never seen Mrs. Vlau before.

Mrs. Vlau was arraigned in the West Side court and sent to prison in default of \$1,000 bail to await examination.

VEVUIVUS CLAIMS VICTIM

Fumes from Fissure Kill a San Franciscan.

Naples, June 8.—An American, who has been identified as J. A. Silon, of San Francisco, met sudden death to-day on Mount Vesuvius. He had climbed up the mountain, which since the earthquake has shown signs of greater activity, and approached too near a fissure which was emitting sulphuric gas. He was overcome by the fumes, and died almost instantly.

CONCEDE TALIAFERRO'S DEFEAT.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 8.—Friends of Jacksonville, James P. Taliaferro, conceded yesterday's election for the Senate and won \$1,000. With all counties heard from by over 1,500. Four all counties heard from by over 1,500. With all counties heard from by over 1,500. With all counties heard from by over 1,500.

CHANCELLOR MACCRACKEN LEADING N. Y. U. COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION THROUGH HALL OF FAME.



DR. CLELAND B. MAFFEE AND DEAN JOSEPH FRENCH JOHNSON. (Story of the commencement exercises will be found on Page 7.)

BOY, NINE YEARS OLD, SUICIDE BY HANGING

Incorrigible Newark Lad Takes His Life After Chiding by Teacher and Mother.

FATHER FOUND HIS BODY

Had Threatened to Kill Himself When His Mother Told Him That He Must Return to School.

Charles Chadwick, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Chadwick, of No. 84 Seventh avenue, Newark, who had been considered incorrigible and had given his parents and teachers no end of trouble, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself in the cellar of his home. His body was found by his father last night after a search that had lasted several hours and had covered the greater part of Newark.

The boy had been a pupil at the Webster street public school, but his progress there had been slow, because his teachers could do nothing with him. All sorts of punishments had been inflicted upon him, but he refused to mend his ways, and finally his teacher took the matter up with his parents and asked them to deprive him of his play out of school hours unless he would promise to behave himself in school and keep his promise.

As a result, Charles came out flatfooted yesterday morning and told his mother he wasn't going to school. To her reply that he must go he threatened to shoot or drown himself. His mother, frightened a little by his attitude, although not believing that he was serious, shifted her policy and tried to jest him out of his mood. Her efforts were unavailing, however, until she told him that he might have 50 cents on Saturday if he would go to school.

This seemed to be the argument that was needed, and Charles departed for school. He came home at noon for his luncheon and went back for the afternoon session. Shortly after 2 o'clock his mother was surprised to see him return. To her request for a reason for his conduct he would say only that he couldn't stay in school. Mrs. Chadwick told him he was not carrying out his part of the agreement made in the morning, and he started off again, apparently to return to school.

As the time came when he was accustomed to return home in the afternoon, and there was no sign of him, Mrs. Chadwick became worried, and the threats he had made in the morning recurred to her. She went out to Branch Brook Park, where the boys and girls of the neighborhood play a great deal. There she found several of his playmates, whom she asked for news of her boy. All said that he had not returned to school for the afternoon session, nor had they seen him anywhere since school was over for the day.

In despair Mrs. Chadwick began a systematic search of the places where Charles had been in the habit of going. Several of his playmates joined her and neighbors turned out and assisted in the search. The boy's father came home from his work and took charge, but no trace was found of Charles.

Finally some of the neighbors asked if he had looked through their house, and when the Chadwicks replied they had not it was suggested that their son might have hidden himself there in fear of the consequences of his refusal to go to school and carry out the agreement with his mother.

Upstairs and downstairs they hunted. Then Mr. Chadwick opened the door leading down to the cellar and started down the stairs. It was not until he reached the floor of the cellar that he looked around and saw beside him the body of his son hanging at the end of a rope with his feet dangling about a foot from the cellar floor. In an instant Mr. Chadwick had cut the body down, but the boy had been dead for several hours.

Charles had taken a length of clothesline he found in the cellar and had thrown it over a swinging shelf near the stairs. Then making a noose fast about his neck he had jumped from the stairs.

Fast Train to Williamstown, Mass., beginning June 11, Lv. Grand Cen. Term. N.Y., 8:15 P. M.; R.R. 1:30 P. M.; At Williamstown, N.Y., m. Connects for Bennington, Vt., Advt.

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Hawes is nearly seven feet tall, and when he "caught a crab" he kicked Robbins, the oarsman in front, who fell overboard. Hawes followed and the boat capsized. All the men are good swimmers, but they were thoroughly chilled and were put to bed in their quarters as soon as they returned.

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DARING "JAG FLIGHT" HAMILTON'S LATEST

Aviator Continues Successful Career as a Purveyor of Surprises.

SPECTATORS ARE DAZZLED

Free Exhibition Unexpected, as Machine Was Being "Tuned" Preparatory to Trip to Philadelphia.

And next came the jag flight. There is nothing rarer than a day in June out Garden City way except, perhaps, the jag flight.

As a purveyor of surprises Charles K. Hamilton seems in possession of inexhaustible recipes. He even surprised his mechanics yesterday in a way they did not expect. He told them early in the day that he would not fly, and so they proceeded leisurely with their task of making important small changes in his machine. They wanted everything airshipshape for his flight to Philadelphia next Saturday.

Hamilton reached the grounds about 6 o'clock. The ailerons were off the machine and a new propeller was being prepared for careful test in the Aeronautical Society's shed. Hamilton was so busy he could not find time to shave since Sunday. His black derby hat was covered with dust.

"Get her ready for a flight," he said to his men. They hoped they had misunderstood, and began to rehearse to him his earlier prediction of no flight for Wednesday. They could not get the machine ready for business soon enough, they said, and, any way, what was the sense in flying every day when there was nothing in it? "Put on the old ailerons and the old propeller, boys. I feel like doing something."

Crowd Had Been Waiting.

This ambition of the aviator spread rapidly through the crowd of automobilists. They had come several hours before, but waited confidently. H. A. Toulimin, chief counsel for the Wright company, strolled carelessly about. Hamilton was introduced to him, and seemed doubly anxious to be up and off. Hamilton knew that Mr. Toulimin had seen the best flights of the Wright brothers, and there was a perceptible stiffening of the young aviator's determination to please when Mr. Toulimin's interest was manifested. Later it was seen that Hamilton had registered a secret intention not only to please him but to astound the waiting spectators.

He reversed the system usually followed by circus performers. They frequently appear intoxicated for the amusement of the audience just before the performance of some difficult aerial feat, such as jumping over the backs of elephants or dropping from the trapeze. Hamilton could not have flown for ten minutes, as he did yesterday if he had not been acutely sober. His imitation of a drunken sailor of the air was airmanship of the highest type. Except that he seems never to give the same kind of exhibition twice, those who saw him yesterday would hope that their friends might one day see him duplicate it.

He was in the air only ten minutes, but life is measured by the joy that is got from it. Hamilton might have sailed on an even keel for hours and the spectators have been ignorant of the heart jumps that made them almost suffer in their excitement yesterday.

It was 7:15 a'clock when Hamilton started on his reeling rounds. The bluster of the running start and the instant when the aeroplane leaves the ground always produce an exhilaration of their own, but it was soon forgotten.

Mad Flight Begins.

There was no apparent method in his brief career and mad careening. There he was, cutting a corner to the quick, dressed in his sack suit and dusty derby hat. Back across the field, with the motion of a hobby horse, another corner cut in the same intolerant manner, and Hamilton slid over the shed of the Aeronautical Society, darted down toward the automobile parties, flew directly over them so low they could almost hear his watch tick, shot up in the air again, seemed to pull on the left rein until his steed was hesitating whether to fall over backward or execute the reverse waltz step, the situation ending in some new aerial knots being tied and left behind him.

He introduced the double dip, which doesn't mean anything on paper, but makes women scream and the men "use swear words."

It can't be described, but just when the crowd feels sure that Hamilton will be hurt and is wondering what to do he flies almost straight up and does the whole thing over again, and although his face cannot be seen it is felt that he is grinning.

When Hamilton came down to earth last night Mr. Toulimin said: "I want to congratulate you on your splendid performance."

"You want to look out for him, Hamilton," said a bystander. "Mr. Toulimin may be trying to catch you."

"Why didn't you get out there on the field," said the aviator to the attorney, "and let me catch you?"

John J. Frisbie started in his aeroplane, but the rear rudder broke. Philip Wilcox, a graduate of Columbia University, has built a machine on the general lines of the Farman biplane and expects Lewis Strang, the automobile driver, to try to fly in it at Garden City to-morrow.

Mr. Hamilton will fly from here to Whitestone to-day, an air distance of about ten miles, where a tug will be waiting to carry his machine to its starting point in the trip to Philadelphia.

Mr. Hamilton will leave Governor's Island at 7 a. m. on Saturday for his excursion to Philadelphia, during which he will be permitted any number of stops, and on his return to this city, which will be on the same day, he will fly first to Grant's tomb and from there to Governor's Island.