

BRONX BOY KING OF 3,000 BABIES

While Throngs Cheer at His Coronation John Ryan Sleeps.

MOVIE CRANKS TURN AS PRODIGIES PARADE

Deep Disgust Prevailing Emotion Registered by Scores of Ignored Infants.

John the Perfect stuck his thumb in his mouth, leaned his downy head on his nurse's shoulder, and went calmly off to sleep. About him the brass band was pounding its farewell to King Baby, hundreds of New Yorkers out to do honor to his majesty in yesterday's baby parade raised their voices in loyal cheers, and 200 automobiles noted their adoration. But John Ryan, of the Bronx, showed himself to be possessed of a nervous system proof against the city's noises and of a character proof against vaingloriousness.

There certainly had been enough to turn the head of any baby less perfect. First was the gold cup, presented on the steps of the City Hall, in the presence of a dozen moving picture men and many important personages of the Mayor's Baby Week committee. Then Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., pinned on John's sturdy little breast the gold bowknot pin and the huge rosette of yellow ribbon which represented the admiration of the suffragists of New York for fat babies.

Mrs. Hearst Presents Cup.

In the absence of Mayor Mitchell, Dr. Alfred E. Shipley led the oratorical honors for the City Fathers. Mrs. William Randolph Hearst presented Master John with his \$250 gold cup. Dr. S. Josephine Baker and Dr. Louis Agaz, of Brooklyn, and Dr. Ira S. Wise assisted in distributing prizes to the twelve other prize-winning infants. Manhattan had four prize winners—Frances Giacomino, 40 Monroe Street; George Henderson, 402 East Fifty-fifth Street; Arthur del Colle, 242 East 119th Street; and Elizabeth Welch, Columbus Avenue and Sixtieth Street. The Bronx was glorified by Walter William Wolan, who is almost as perfect as John Ryan.

Brooklyn had four prize winners—Anna Hennessey, Joseph Grunder, Alice Gladstone and Phyllis Castor. For Queens, Everett Meeks, of College Point, carried off the gold medal, and little Virginia Seymour, of Staten Island, won the honors for Richmond, though she had a cold, and couldn't come to receive her medal in person.

Grand Parade Taken in Movies.

After the prizes had been distributed the babies were led away to a milk station, where a cot was served. At 1 o'clock the grand parade started from Irving Place and Fifteenth Street. At its head, in a decorated automobile, rode Miss Johanna Wiggins, the prize-winning baby of New York two years ago. After her, waving their arms or red balloons, or their fathers' hats, came the 3,000 babies who entered the contests two weeks ago, most of whom registered deep disgust as they came opposite the moving picture cameras.

There were many decorated floats, covered with spring flowers and bright ribbons. One bore a giant milk bottle twenty feet high, drawn by eight milk white horses, and displaying a big sign, "Preparedness—Better Babies." The Bowling Green Neighborhood Association had a float with a mother and child surrounded by the children of twenty-seven nationalities who inhabit the Bowling Green district, all in the costume of their native lands.

CROWNED KING OF NEW YORK BABIES.



(Greely Photo Service.)

John Ryan, of the Bronx, winner of the \$250 cup for the most perfect infant, modestly showing off the honor ribbon pinned on him before yesterday's parade by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

FRAUD CHARGE HOLDS IMPORTER

Government Starts Criminal and Civil Actions Against H. Shoniger.

Following an investigation begun six months ago, Henry Shoniger, treasurer of Shoninger Brothers, a corporation engaged in importing laces and embroideries at 113 Fifth Avenue, was arraigned yesterday before Judge C. E. Wolverson in the criminal branch of the United States District Court on an indictment charging him with fraudulent entry at the Custom House of goods imported from France.

The indictment mentions five shipments of silk woven fabrics, cotton laces and metal thread, one in 1911, one in 1913 and three in 1914, alleged to have been undervalued by Henry Shoniger as treasurer of the corporation and on which the government claims to have been defrauded out of duties totalling \$520.

Mr. Shoniger entered a tentative plea of not guilty through his counsel, former United States District Attorney Henry A. Wise, and was allowed two weeks to demur. He was released in \$5,000 bail.

Because of alleged irregularities Mr. Carstarphen yesterday filed two other suits against Shoninger Brothers aggregating \$223,075. The irregularities are alleged to consist of false invoices, consular certificates and affidavits which falsely stated the value of the goods imported.

'CASH' PAYMENTS IN 'L' CONTRACT

Gillespie Explains Terms of Deal He Thought Was To Be Private.

NO POLITICS IN IT. HE TELLS THOMPSON

Committee's Search for That Elusive \$2,000,000 Slush Fund Still Fruitless.

The Thompson Legislative Committee kept hard after the "\$2,000,000 slush fund," which, as intimated at previous hearings, may have passed from the Interborough to other parties interested in the subway and third-tracking elevated contracts, at yesterday's hearing. The prospecting was not good, however, and the odds were with the Interborough witnesses at the close of the session.

Thomas A. Gillespie, whose contracting firm obtained the contract for third-tracking the East Side elevated lines, and Edwin J. Berwind, largest stockholder in the Interborough consolidated, were the witnesses under fire.

Mr. Gillespie would not even admit that "politics" had anything to do with his landing the elevated contract. To add to the discomfiture of Frank Moss, counsel to the committee, Paul D. Cravath, Mr. Gillespie's lawyer, at the close of the hearing repeated what Delancey Nicoll, counsel for the Interborough, had already told him of the witness stand, that the committee's jurisdiction, as well as its usefulness, ended with the closing of the Legislature.

"We are dead and we don't know it," said Mr. Moss.

Mr. Moss questioned Mr. Gillespie at length about the circumstances surrounding the award of the third-tracking contract to the Gillespie company. The witness said that his negotiations had been entirely with T. P. Shonta, president of the Interborough, and that no one in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. had assisted him in getting the contract. He said that Henry Davison, of the Morgan firm, was a close friend of the Interborough.

"You knew that the Morgan interests were opposed to John F. Stevens getting the contract, didn't you?" asked Mr. Moss.

"No, not at the time," said the witness. "All I knew was that Mr. Stevens lost the contract because his company had failed. I went to Mr. Shonta and told him I would like to do the work. He looked up our record as contractors and then asked me to make a bid."

"Contract Private," He Thought.

The witness said he had not heard much about the opposition to the Stevens contract in the Board of Estimate. He said he had understood from Mr. Cravath, his counsel, that the contract was to be a private one, purely between his company and the Interborough company, and the Public Service Commission would have nothing to do with it.

Mr. Gillespie said that he found out later that the Public Service Commission had jurisdiction, as he had to make reports to them regularly.

"Did you consider the political element in negotiating for the contract?" asked counsel.

"There is no politics in it so far as I am concerned," Mr. Gillespie answered.

"I. Third-Track Terms Explained.

In answer to questions by Senator Thompson and Mr. Moss, the witness explained in detail the terms of the elevated third-tracking contract. Considerable discussion arose over the fact that the contract called for the payment of all money by the Interborough in "cash" to Mr. Gillespie. The witness said all the Interborough payments were by check, and some members of the committee tried to draw a distinction between "cash" and

SAYS DEACON KISSED SECRETARY ON STREET

Wife's Detective Also Tells of Keyhole Peeping.

"Did Dr. Ellis B. Guild, deacon of Mount Morris Baptist Church and lecturer, kiss his secretary, Mrs. Sarah T. Hastie?"

"Did Dr. Guild call Mrs. Hastie 'dear'?"

"Did Mrs. Hastie say to the deacon, 'Am I not your life'?"

These questions must be answered in the divorce suit which Mrs. Clara T. Guild, of Boston, filed yesterday against the deacon. Justice Hotchkiss reserved decision on her motion for \$100 a month alimony.

The kiss and the term of endearment alleged by Mrs. Guild are based on the information of detectives who obtained their evidence through a keyhole in the door of Dr. Guild's apartment, at 28 West 12th Street, where Mrs. Hastie also had an apartment. The detectives also say they saw Mrs. Hastie kiss Dr. Guild in broad daylight at Broadway and Liberty Street.

According to one of the detectives, who stopped, looked and listened at the keyhole, on March 18, "the deacon said he was much worried over something. 'Don't worry,' Mrs. Hastie said, 'am I not your life?' To which Dr. Guild replied, 'Yes, dear,' and then kissed Mrs. Hastie."

Dr. Guild is secretary of a surety company. He denies his wife's charges and says his relations with Mrs. Hastie were simply those of employer and secretary.

Lieutenant Murphy Retires.

After twenty-eight years of service, during which he made a record as a detective, Lieutenant Edward H. Murphy, of the Butler Street Police Station, was retired yesterday on his own application on a pension of \$1,125 a year. Lieutenant Murphy lives at 1,660 Forty-first Street. He has a wife and six children.

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"checks," but Mr. Gillespie insisted it was the same thing. In reply to a question by Mr. Moss the witness said that none of the Interborough checks had been backed out of the city.

"Did you send money to the office of your company in Pittsburgh during this period?" asked Mr. Moss.

"Yes, I am sure we did," said Mr. Gillespie. "When they needed money we sent it to them. We have done it for years."

Mr. Moss had indicated in the examination of other witnesses that a part of the elusive "slush fund" might have travelled between New York and Pittsburgh. Mr. Gillespie ended his testimony at this point but will be recalled to-day.

Mr. Berwind answered the suggestions in Mr. Moss's questions of possible graft in the elevated third-tracking contracting, emphatically, as follows:

"I want to state that there was never any irregularity or impropriety in the matter, nor was there ever any money paid directly or indirectly, underground or overground, or by any stock transaction, in any way, in fact, to anybody."

Chairman Thompson announced yesterday that the committee would not take up the matter of tapping telephone wires until Monday.

CHILD WRECKS AUTO

Also Runs Down Playmate with Truck He Started.

Five-year-old Joseph Lehn, of 18 Charles Place, Williamsburg, took a notion yesterday that he could drive a motor truck. So he climbed to the seat of a big truck in front of the Labor Lyceum in Willoughby Avenue, near Myrtle Avenue, and cleverly pulled a lever.

The truck shot forward and wrecked an automobile belonging to Louis Kischer, of 1,225 Myrtle Avenue. Then it knocked down four-year-old Arthur Behrend, of 961 Willoughby Avenue, fracturing the child's left leg and right arm and internally injuring him. After crashing into a tree the machine stopped.

The police turned Joseph over to his parents.

NEW YORK-VIGO LINE PLANNED BY SPAIN

Provision for Fast Service Will Be Included in Budget.

Madrid, May 11.—The government will include in the incoming budget for the Cortes a subvention of 2,500,000 pesetas for the establishment of a fast steamship line between Vigo and New York.

It is proposed to make the crossing in six days, the steamers connecting between Vigo and Madrid in eighteen hours and connecting here with fast expresses for Paris and other points on the Continent. A large hotel will be built at Vigo in connection with the new line.

The design is to make the new line the main artery between America and the Continent, as the route is about one thousand miles shorter than those by way of Liverpool or Southampton. Both termini are neutral, it is also pointed out in this connection, and the line would not be affected by a shortage of tonnage such as that which occurred in the English routes because of the war.

Determination of the government to

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GLASS BOY LOST YEAR AGO TO-DAY

Mother Still Hopes After Nation-Wide Search of Twelve Months.

A year ago to-day little Jimmy Glass disappeared from the house in Greely, Pike County, Penn., where his parents and two small sisters had gone to better the health of Mr. Glass. Left alone for five minutes, he vanished as completely as if the earth had swallowed him.

Since then his distracted parents have conducted a nation-wide search for him. Mr. Glass has been run down in Georgia, Virginia, California, Iowa, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas, Illinois and Ohio, but Jimmy has never been found. With courage undaunted, Mrs. Charles Glass, the mother, has travelled to scores of cities to glance at lost boys answering Jimmy's description. Each time she has shaken her head and turned away. More than 10,000 miles she has travelled in search of him. From every trip she has returned ill and disappointed. On January 31 at the Glass home, 13 Lienau Place, Jersey City, Blanche and Madeline Glass sobbed at the side of their mother. It was Jimmy's birthday, and they talked of his strange disappearance and the futile efforts to find him.

An immediate search was made and bloodhounds were put on the trail. Woods were combed, cisterns and wells drained, a dam dynamited, gypsy camps searched and lonely houses ransacked, but no trace of the boy was found. Then circulars were sent out offering a reward of \$500, the police of every city were notified and Jimmy's picture was flashed on the screens of 10,000 "movie" houses throughout the country.

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