

Issues 800 Pistol Permits Without Inquiry

Former Oyster Bay Justice Testifies He Often Granted Requests Made by Permit Seekers' Friends

Didn't Charge Everyone Man Held on Charge of Carrying Concealed Arms Freed in Brooklyn Court

Robert Duval, formerly a justice of the peace of Oyster Bay, when called upon to testify yesterday in Gates Avenue court, Brooklyn, in the case of David Giacalone, of 225 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, charged with felonious assault and carrying a concealed weapon, admitted that during his term of office he had issued about 800 permits for carrying concealed weapons.

He said he had never made particular inquiries regarding the character of men to whom permits were granted. "It was not necessary for the applicant to appear personally," he said, "but if a friend of his, known to be a law-abiding citizen, asked for a permit for the person who was wanted for the permit, it usually was granted."

Magistrate Folwell, dismissed the Sullivan law charge against Giacalone, because he had a permit that bore the signature of Mr. Duval. The latter identified the signature. Giacalone was held in \$500 bail for the grand jury on a felonious assault charge.

Says He Paid \$15 for Permit Giacalone told the court that he had paid a man \$15 to get the permit for him and that he had never gone before Justice Duval to obtain it. Mr. Duval said that he did not receive any money for the Giacalone permit. The magistrate expressed surprise at the statement of Mr. Duval regarding the issuing of permits, and upon being questioned by the magistrate the witness said that he now is of the opinion that it is "bad business" to issue permits without an examination.

"Don't you know," asked Magistrate Folwell, "that in this city Commissioner Enright insists on thorough examination of the applicants for a permit?" "Yes," replied Mr. Duval, "and I think it's a good plan."

Issued 200 Each Year Mr. Duval said that he had issued about 200 permits each year he was in office, of which annually about fifty went to residents of Brooklyn and twenty-five to residents of Manhattan. The permit was issued by Giacalone, who he was a resident of Nassau County.

The usual fee for issuing permits, said Mr. Duval, was \$2.00, which was collected by the clerk and not by him.

"Sometimes," he said, "I made no charge whatever, but when I did the \$2 went to the county clerk. Giacalone told me that he kept no record of the persons to whom permits were issued. Giacalone was charged with firing two shots at John Gallagher and James Ledwith at Myrtle and Washington avenues, Brooklyn, August 14, when the three of them became involved in an argument.

Murder Laid to Bridegroom Slaying of Priest Gives Clue in Woman's Death

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 25.—Acting at the request of Peoria, Ill., police, local authorities today arrested Pietro Gussman, whose marriage to Miss Ruth Stephenson early this month was alleged to have resulted in the killing of Father James E. Coyle, Catholic priest, by the bride's father, the Rev. Edwin R. Stephenson.

The reason for Gussman's arrest was contained in a letter to Chief of Police Shipley, which stated "a man named Pietro Gussman" was wanted in Peoria for cutting to death a woman on November 9, 1920.

PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 25.—A man named Pietro Gussman, believed to be the person arrested in Birmingham today, is wanted by the Peoria police for the alleged murder of his wife here early last winter. The woman was found lying dead across a bed in a house in which the couple lived, with her throat cut.

Bedtime Stories Striped Chipmunk Receives a Caller

By Thornton W. Burgess

A merry heart and happy mood A wealth of joy in life you'll find. —Striped Chipmunk.

Striped Chipmunk was up and out very early in the morning. He always is. He is an early riser. He believes in getting up early and going to bed early. He says that sunshine is to make people happy, and he doesn't mean to miss a ray of it. Perhaps this is why he is one of the happiest of all the little people who wear fur. He likes to hear his feathered neighbors sing and he likes to sing, too.

"Happiness is catching," says Striped Chipmunk. "If you are happy let people know it, and the first thing you know they'll catch it and be happy, too."

So the first thing that Striped Chipmunk did was to sit on top of the highest stone in the old stone wall along one side of the Old Orchard and sing. At least, he called it singing. It may not have been musical, but certainly it was a merry and happy sound, good to hear. Every one who heard it knew at once that the singer was happy. Striped Chipmunk did this every morning and many times during the day. The old Peter Rabbit, on his way home to the dear Old Briar-patch, heard that song and suddenly changed his mind. "I haven't seen Striped Chipmunk for a long time," thought Peter. "I believe I'll run over and pay him a call. There is time enough."

So Peter took his long hop from the old stone wall, and as that first little song of Striped Chipmunk grew louder, he chuckled. "It isn't much of a song," said he to himself, "but certainly it is good to hear. Just hearing it somehow makes a fellow feel that this old world isn't such a bad place after all. Good morning, Striped Chipmunk!"

John A. Stewart Is 99 To-day; Won't Work Until Next Tuesday

Birthday Happily Falls 'Twixt Financier's Regular Hours in Wall St. Office, So Family Will Have Him at Home; Keen on Farming Next to Banking

John A. Stewart's 100th year bids him a cheerful good morning to-day. Mr. Stewart, a director of the United States Trust Company, is observing the centennial of the year that his friends hope will carry his span of life over the long stretch of a century at his home near Morristown, N. J., where he and his wife have lived for many years. Although no special preparations have been made to mark the event, as Mr. Stewart does not like ceremonies and celebrations, it is expected that the children and his children's children will avail themselves of a chance that comes to few children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren in this world, where seldom a parent can count his birthdays up to ninety-nine.

Yesterday was one of Mr. Stewart's semi-weekly days at his office. Every Tuesday and Thursday he enters his limousine at Morristown and rides to New York, where he is scheduled to arrive at his desk behind the railing in the trust company's office at 11 o'clock.

Old Friends Felicitate Him Mr. Stewart did not care to discuss his birthday with outsiders yesterday, but he did exchange greetings with business associates and a few old banking friends, acknowledging their greetings smilingly.

In the center of his big flat-topped desk was a big brown basket filled with pink roses, a remembrance from the Farmers Loan and Trust Company. Mr. Stewart did not disturb the gift when he sat at his desk, but placed his pile of documents to one side to await inspection.

At 2 o'clock, his customary hour for departure, Mr. Stewart entered his car and was driven back to Morristown. Mr. Stewart was born in Fulton Street on August 25, 1822, and attended Public School 15, in East Twenty-seventh Street, and went to Columbia College, from which he was graduated in 1840.

After a venture in civil engineering he became clerk to the Board of Education and then actuary of the United States Life Insurance Company. From that time on he has been active in many of the important affairs of the times. He joined the United States Trust Company in 1853 as secretary,

Fisherman, Reputed Rich, Is Found Shot To Death in Home

Discovery That \$200 in Currency Was Untouched Adds Mystery to Crime; Burglars First Suspected

SPRING LAKE, N. J., Aug. 25.—John Woolley, a fisherman, was found shot to death in his home, at Third and Madison avenues, to-day. A revolver bullet had penetrated his heart. Mystery surrounds the affair, as Woolley was found to have in his pockets \$200 in cash and a gold watch when the police searched his clothing, a circumstance that appeared to dispose of the first belief that he had been shot by robbers.

Woolley was known locally as a man of means. He was said to be one of the few fishermen known to have amassed riches. When Alvah Woolley, son of the dead man, returned home yesterday after a visit to New York he found his father lying dead across the threshold. He later informed the police that he had entered by a rear door and had gone to his own room, where he found that \$0 he had left in a collar drawer had been removed. He went to ask his father if he had used the money, and almost stumbled over the body. The older Woolley had been dead for some time.

Alvah Woolley told the police he believed that his father had been shot by robbers who had been surprised by him in the house. He said the neighborhood had been infested by sneak

Encore Stunt May Cost Life of Midget Acrobat

Performer Hurlled Toward His Partner Lands on Floor and Is Dangerously Hurt

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 25.—William Hanusek, a midget acrobat, was seriously injured at a local vaudeville house last night while he and his two partners were performing an "encore stunt." He is not expected to live.

One of the larger men in the acrobatic trio picked up Hanusek as the audience cheered for an encore, and threw him at the back of the third man. The latter was making an elaborate bow to the audience and apparently did not see what was going on behind him. The midget was hurled through the air, scarcely brushing the back of the bowing man and landed on his head on the floor.

The stunt was said to be one of the regular encore acts and was intended to lend the midget on his feet over the bent back of the partner. Hanusek at St. Francis Hospital with a fractured skull.

Jersey Firemen on Carpet Solicitation of Merchants for Tickets Ordered Stopped

Reports that firemen have been soliciting business men for the sale of tickets for an excursion to be held Monday by the Superior Officers' Association led Director William J. Brennan, of the Department of Public Safety, in Newark, yesterday to call the officers of the organization before him and order the practice stopped. There is a department rule prohibiting the soliciting of business houses in the sale of tickets.

Tighe Sober at Time of Raid, Witnesses Say

Detective Charged With Assault Not Needlessly Rough in Making Arrests, One Man Swears

Accuser Called a Liar Commissioner Leach Orders Saloon Cook From Stand at Department Hearing

Several witnesses presented by the defense yesterday at the resumption before First Deputy Commissioner Leach of the hearing of Detective Sergeant Charles Tighe, charged with brutally attacking several persons in his raid on the saloon of Patrick Coan, at 600 Ninth Avenue, July 28, testified in favor of the defendant. Their testimony tended to show that Tighe was not intoxicated at the time of the raid and that he did not wield a blackjack.

Yesterday's session was held at Police Headquarters, and at its conclusion the hearing was adjourned until September 14. One witness, who testified against Tighe yesterday was called a liar by Commissioner Leach and ordered from the stand.

Charles B. Green, of 219 East Seventy-third Street, the bookbinder who has a stand in front of Coan's saloon, and who was one of those taken in the raid on the place, told the commissioner that he had been pushed into the back room by Tighe and that he and five others afterward escaped.

Says Women Interfered Michael Durkin, of 403 West Forty-sixth Street, said he was standing at the bar and saw money pass between men swarming around a ticker on which horse race results were being received. He told Mr. Tighe and Detective Kaufman entered the saloon, and said Tighe was interfered with by several women while attempting to recapture prisoners said to have escaped from the back room. Durkin said that he did not see the defendant using a blackjack and that it did not appear to him that Tighe was using unnecessary force in handling his prisoners.

Harry Wright, of Nassau County, told the commissioner that he had observed two women trying to interfere with Tighe as he was rounding up his backroom cronies. He testified that there was a wild scramble in the saloon after the detectives entered, and that the ticker was slammed to the floor.

Other witnesses who gave testimony favorable to the defendant were Hugh Lavery, a pawnbroker, and the Rev. Father Terrence F. McNulty, of the Church of the Resurrection.

Cook Ordered Off Stand The witness testifying against Tighe was Alfonso Delgrosso, of 152 East 113th Street, a cook employed at a luncheon counter in Coan's saloon. He said that Tighe had come behind the counter and struck him on the knees with his blackjack.

The luncheon counter is two feet from the ticker. Delgrosso said that he had been working behind the counter four months, but had never paid any attention to the ticker, presuming that men merely gathered around it for the purpose of reading news.

At this point Deputy Commissioner Leach turned upon the witness and said: "Get off the stand. You are a liar."

Agreement Reported in Mail Line Ships Seizure

Conference Held Here May Result in Definite Action To-day

A new turn which the situation affecting the United States Mail Steamship Company and the Shipping Board is said to have taken in Washington today, according to Elmer Schlesinger, counsel of the board. While a series of conferences was in progress yesterday the reports that ships involved in the controversy would be returned to the Shipping Board and placed on the market gained ground.

It was said yesterday, prior to Mr. Schlesinger's departure for Washington, that an agreement had been reached and that it would be immediately submitted to Chairman Lasker. None of those concerned in the conference would indicate what the agreement was.

The first conference was held in the chambers of United States Judge Manton and order the practice stopped. There is a department rule prohibiting the soliciting of business houses in the sale of tickets.

According to the stories heard by Brennan, several captains intimated to merchants that in the event of their refusal to buy inspectors of the Bureau of Combustibles and Fire Risks might be sent to their establishments to look for violations of the fire code.

Tenor Must Pay Alimony \$250 a Week and \$1,250 Counsel Fees Awarded Mrs. Steel

Justice Wasservogel yesterday awarded to Mrs. Sionnie B. Steel, a musical comedy actress, \$250 a week alimony and \$1,250 counsel fees in her separation suit against John W. Steel, tenor of the Zeigfeld Polles. William C. Wolf, counsel for Mrs. Steel, who also is her cousin, told the court that he had tried to act as mediator in the marital differences of the Steels, but his efforts to bring about a reconciliation were being frustrated by Mrs. Steel, who announced that he preferred the life of a bachelor.

Mrs. Steel alleges in her suit that her husband has treated her cruelly and has not properly supported her. She says she is entitled to \$8,000 to \$104,000 a year, which includes royalties from phonograph records and on the stage. Mrs. Steel responded that his wife insisted on being the "boss of the household."

Postmaster's Wife Names 'Rosy Posy' in Divorce Suit

Charles Harlan Corwin, postmaster of South Fallsburg, Sullivan County, N. Y., was sued in the Supreme Court yesterday for a separation by Mrs. Agnes Quirk Corwin, who he married in 1917. Mrs. Corwin alleges that the postmaster was cruel and also that he was too friendly with a young woman, who signed several affectionate letters to Mr. Corwin as "Rosy Posy." Mrs. Corwin further relates that after the birth of their son, John, that her husband was much displeased at the coming of the child, and remarked: "I can't keep dogs and children at the same time, and if I prefer dogs I children I'll keep the dogs."

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New Fashions—New Sales for Week-End Friday (Store closed all day Saturday)

The First Stroke Is Half the Battle Choosing one's companions has made some men what they are, and the mistake of others in not taking offered advice or not being strong enough to drop evil company has been their ruin. Better for the latter to have fallen into a bed of wasps. To almost every man known to the writer was given an elective opportunity to make or lose his way. All men are weak on some side or other, and need to be spoken with as to the first strokes of life's battle.

Amazing Things are being offered in the "so-called" "Half-Price Furniture Days" Closing the August Sale. 6-piece mahogany bedroom suite of Queen Anne type for \$254.25, complete—was \$565. A \$1080 mahogany bedroom suite of the Heppelwhite type (6 pieces) for \$540. A beautiful 10-piece Chippendale dining-room suite that was \$950 for \$475. A \$1250 Queen Anne 10-piece walnut dining-room suite for \$625. A 6-piece gray enamel breakfast room suite for only \$137—was \$274. A \$445 all-over tapestry upholstered 3-piece living room suite—for \$222.50. A \$951.50 3-piece all-over upholstered living-room suite in black and gold damask for \$482.25.

The Book Store announces that it is prepared to take advance orders for— Helen of the Old House by HAROLD BELL WRIGHT, ready for distribution August 30th. \$2. Main floor, Old Building.

Some of these may be sold when you come, as the prizes are going fast, but there will be others equally as good—we added, for instance, 57 dining-room suites to the half price collection in one day—and we shall keep the variety intact until the sale closes August 31. The half prices come about because on these closing days of the sale, according to our custom, we offer at half price all suites not to be reordered, all single pieces and broken lots, in order to make a clean sweep in August and be ready to start the new fall business in September. Fifth and Sixth Galleries, New Building.

The China Sale Which opens on September 1st, offers Advance Choosing—beginning today. You may choose anything you wish at the sale prices, but purchases will be dated September 1st and deliveries will be made on or after that date. The sale will open with more than a thousand dinner sets—French, English and American—at prices— 20 to 50 per cent. less—than regular. Also, a large assortment of cut glass, fancy glassware, fancy china and artware at prices 10 per cent. to 50 per cent. less than regular. And, as a— Special Feature A large group of attractive thin glassware, handsomely cut, at half the regular prices. Second Gallery, New Building.

Stunning Mesh Bags, \$5.50 Plated silver and green gold mesh bags, of very fine mesh, in square and pouch shapes, the latter finished with graceful tassel, are the result of a very advantageous purchase. We have had bags to sell at \$8 to \$15 that were no smarter of shape, finer of mesh, better of quality than these. Jewelry Section, Main floor, Old Building.

Men Looking for Savings—can cast a quick glance over this news and find their objective. First, at— Half Price Two-piece summer suits—the well-tailored kinds: Mohair suits now \$13.75 Crash suits now \$10.75 Palm Beach suits \$10.00 Good for the Labor Day Holidays—and next season. Golf Suits British-made—coat and knickers. Very fine—were \$57.50 and \$65. now, \$32.50. Fall-weight Suits A reduction in the price of certain of our regular lines—like this: \$45 and \$50 suits \$27.50 \$55 and \$60 suits \$32.50 \$65 and \$70 suits \$37.50 Linen Knickers Knickers and long trousers—of linen. Regularly \$8.50—now \$6. Burlington Arcade floor, New Building.

New Wool Skirts for Fall—featured Silk Petticoats Trim and new, \$3.95 A charming group of petticoats in a variety of very attractive models. Carefully made of jersey, jersey and taffeta combined, jersey and satin combined, changeable taffeta and changeable satin in all of the popular street shades. Each skirt is finished with an accordion pleated ruffle in self or contrasting color. Also, a few extra size petticoats of striped taffeta to fit the woman who requires an extra size. Third floor, Old Building. Assorted Chocolates Special—60c pound Delicious sweets to tuck away for the week-end trip. Choice assortment of strawberry, raspberry and vanilla chocolate covered creams and caramels. Eighth Gallery, New Building. Downstairs Store, New Building.