

PORTERS PUNISHED FOR HOTEL FRAUDS

Wrong Information Given to Strangers Causes Fourteen to Lose Their Licenses.

51 MORE ARE SUSPENDED

License Commissioner Bell announced yesterday that he had revoked the licenses of fourteen public porters and suspended thirty-one others after detecting that if anybody wanted to get anywhere in particular the best person in the world not to ask for directions is a licensed public porter.

For several months the managers of some of the leading hotels have been congratulated on reopening for business. Various inquiries have been made at others equally well known and respectable as to what the chances were for a raid by police bent on breaking up disorderly practices, while some frequent guests have expressed amazement that after such a big fire the hotel should have been revamped and set in order so expeditiously.

Puzzled by such comments and queries, the Hotel Men's Association came to the conclusion that the public porters were making all sorts of things happen to hotels to which they did not wish the out of town visitor to go.

Detectives were engaged to investigate prospective guests unfamiliar with New York hotels. From the porters to whom they applied for information the detectives learned some interesting things.

For instance, one was informed that a popular hotel in the Murray Hill section was not at all the place to stop for the reason that it was so far outside the city limits as to be not amenable to the fire laws. Besides it was very inconveniently located because of the lack of transportation facilities.

Another porter informed inquirers that a hotel at Park avenue and Thirty-fourth street had been closed for some time, presumably because of the noise made by the birds twittering in the eaves of the armory opposite.

SHIP'S FOG PROBLEM ENDED, SAYS ENGINEER

Brooklyn Inventor Announces Device Which Will Indicate Distance Between Vessels.

Otto Fricke, a civil engineer of 55 Hanson place, Brooklyn, formerly a German naval officer and at one time assistant to Nikola Tesla, has invented a device to detect the presence of ships in a fog.

Mr. Fricke's invention is a device which indicates the direction of the sound, but also the distance at which the other vessel is located. The inventor proposes to install around the ship's deck a series of sound receiving instruments which electrically operate a marking pencil on a chart placed in the pilot house.

These so-called pencils, or timing points, are attached to a revolving bell operated by clockwork, which is set in motion by a wireless flash from the oncoming vessel, which is supposed to come simultaneously with the blowing of the fog horn. When the sound waves are received the timing points begin to mark on the chart.

The difference in the time between the receipt of the wireless flash and the sound denotes the speed at which the sound is traveling and by deduction indicates on the chart the distance of the other ship.

Mr. Fricke says this apparatus produces a record and a chart of all the positions of vessels and other objects within a radius of ten miles around the ship on which his instrument is installed.

The indicated positions on the chart change as the distant objects change their relative positions to each other. By this means, therefore, the navigator has a chart in front of him on which there is a record of his and other ships' positions to produce for court investigations of accidents.

The invention depends upon the simultaneous transmission of a wireless flash with the blowing of the fog horn and consists in the combined use of the differences in speed of electricity and sound.

MAYOR MAY LEAVE HOSPITAL IN A WEEK

President Wilson Sends an Inquiry as to Condition of Mr. Mitchel.

Mayor Mitchel has been recovering so rapidly from his recent operation for appendicitis that it is probable he will be able to leave the hospital within a week, according to reports given out yesterday afternoon from his office by Secretary Rousseau and at the Roosevelt Hospital.

Mrs. Mitchel yesterday received the following telegram from Secretary to the President Joseph P. Tumulty:

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C. Will you not permit me to inquire for the President as to Mayor Mitchel's condition? The President hopes that the Mayor is steadily improving and is anxious to be advised.

In reply Secretary Theodore Rousseau telegraphed:

Joseph P. Tumulty, Esq., Secretary to the President, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Mitchel asks me to send her thanks to the President through you for your very thoughtful telegram and wishes me to say that the Mayor is rapidly improving.

Many personal telegrams were also received at the hospital and visitors were numerous. The Mayor is cheerful over knowledge that he is virtually out of danger.

THIRD AVENUE GAINS GROW. President Whitridge Tells of Encouraging Outlook.

Frederick W. Whitridge, president of the Third Avenue Railway Company, says that the earnings of the company are showing a steady improvement and that the indications are that these gains will continue. He also reports that the employment department of the company is receiving fewer applications for employment.

During the first nineteen days of November earnings of the Third Avenue Railway Company increased over \$24,000 and the indications are that this ratio of improvement will continue. Since the beginning of the current fiscal year there has been distinct betterment in revenues of the system.

NEWSPAPER MEN GIVE A DINNER TO M'ANENY

And as He's Going to Be One of Them, They Throw In a Pocketbook.

Thirty-five newspaper workers or graduates for whom George McAneny has given an autumnal dinner for several years, turned around and had Mr. McAneny as their guest at the Hotel Savoy last night. Most of them are members of the Association of City Hall Reporters. This was their send-off to the President of the Board of Aldermen, who is to resign in January.

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Stern Brothers advertisement featuring Xmas suggestions, women's apparel, and household linens. Includes a large illustration of a dining room.

Hampton Furniture advertisement for dining rooms, featuring a large illustration of a dining room and the text 'HAMPTON SHOPS 34 AND 36 WEST 34th STREET NEW YORK'.