

FIRE-ESCAPE BILL IN ITS FINAL FORM

Commissioners Return Revised Measure to House.

PRESENT SHAPE SATISFACTORY

Most Important Change Made in Allen Bill Requires Erection of Fire-Escapes by Owners of Record.

Final action on the Allen bill, H. R. 19524, to amend the present fire-escape law, was taken by the District Commissioners yesterday afternoon in forwarding to Chairman Babcock, of the House Committee, a favorable report on the measure, except as to certain minor provisions, and urging its early enactment by Congress.

The Commissioners' report is in line with the recommendation made by Building Inspector Ashford, and is substantially what was asked of them by the joint committee of the Board of Trade and the Business Men's Association at a recent hearing on the bill.

The most important change to the Allen bill recommended by the Commissioners is the provision which places the duty of erecting the fire-escapes on the owner receiving beneficial uses of the building.

"This change in the present law," the Commissioners state in their report, "is not proved, for the reason that it places upon the Commissioners the burden of proving that the owner is entitled to the beneficial use, rental or control of the building."

In substitution of this section of the bill, they suggest that the duty of installing the fire-escape equipment be placed on the owner of record, it being an easy matter to determine who such owner is by recourse to the books of record.

Fireproof Buildings Exempted.

Another important feature of the Allen bill, to which the Commissioners give their approval, is that which will exempt fireproof buildings from the fire-escape requirement.

In view of the universal opposition to the present law, they state, this provision is particularly desirable. Only one change to this provision is advised, and that is that the exempted buildings shall be such as are or may be from time to time defined under the building regulations to be fireproof.

In conclusion, the Commissioners further recommend that, inasmuch as provision has been made for them to cause the enforcement of the law, as far as it relates to the inspection of buildings and erection of equipment, an appropriation of \$5,000 be included in the District appropriation bill. This provision, they urge, will make it possible for them to cause the enforcement of the law in the event of an owner resisting the law in the courts, or in the case of an owner who is away from the city and whose property is assessed to meet the entailed cost of the equipment.

Action Expected in Few Days.

As the matter now stands, the Commissioners put it up to Congress to relieve the District of a law which has been the object of universal disapproval from property owners and business men, it being their stated opinion that if the proposed Allen bill is enacted into law it will meet with general satisfaction in the community.

The report will, it is stated, be referred to the District committee on Monday, and final action by Congress is expected within a few days.

MAJOR BROWN, RETIRED, IS DEAD AT PHILIPSBURG

The War Department has been advised of the death of Maj. Paul R. Brown, U. S. A., retired, at Philippsburg, Pa.

Major Brown was born in New York in 1846, and was appointed first lieutenant and assistant surgeon in the army in 1874. He was advanced to the grade of captain in 1879, was promoted to major and surgeon in December, 1891. He was retired in 1897 for disability in line of duty.

DAINTY PICNIC SUPPLIES AT THE YOUNGS COMPANY

The Elphinstone Young Company, on Ninth street, announce in another part of this issue a list of picnic supplies that will interest all those who contemplate summer sojourns. The Youngs Company has been leading in the grocery field for a number of years in this city, and its stocks are always of the best and daintiest.

BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY OF HAHN'S SHOE STORE

Tomorrow and all this week the three big shoe stores of Wm. Hahn & Co., corner Seventh and K streets, 1914 Pennsylvania avenue, and 223 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, celebrate their thirtieth business birthday.

Thirty years ago this firm began business in a small shop at 1822 Pennsylvania avenue. The business progressed within a short time a larger store was started at 815 Seventh street. Another branch store was added in the Southeast section, some years later, while within the past ten years all three stores have been replaced by the firm's own modern buildings at their present locations.

Hahn's thirtieth business birthday is being celebrated in a thorough and practical manner—a monster "Birthday Sale" offers many exceptionally attractive prices on all sorts of stylish summer footwear.

Steinway and other Leading Pianos

F. Droop and Sons Co.
Steinway and Other Pianos.
925 Pa. Ave. N. W.

Monster Python Cruises the Deck During Ship's Voyage From Singapore



How the Python Escaped by Standing on His Tail.

NEW YORK, June 2.—The German cargo steamer Verona, from China ports by way of Singapore and Algiers, arrived here yesterday and tied up at Bush's wharf, South Brooklyn. She had on board a mixed cargo and the first snake story of the year. The python, in the teeth of a grilling cross-examination, Second Officer Luhrs gave out the story yesterday afternoon. He was surrounded by the crew of Cingalese sailors, who applauded every time their retainer hit the high-water mark of probability. The python who furnished the story was there in a big box. He is twenty-six feet long and was marked "Exhibit A."

The python was taken aboard, Second Officer Luhrs says, at Singapore, where Captain Dobronz bought him on spec from a native. Previously a job lot of ten monkeys in cages had been placed on file, just about the main hatch, where there was plenty of air. The python box was installed forward of the hatch vis-a-vis. Every time the python hissed the monkeys chattered and everybody was happy.

Python Dined on Lamb.

The day the ship weighed from Singapore, Second Officer Luhrs says, the py-

Reptile Stood on His Tail to Escape From Cage.

EIGHT MONKEYS IN RIGGING

Steamer Verona in Port With an Assorted Cargo and a Fine Snake Story.

thion was fed two woolly lambs, and immediately fell into a deep sleep from which he didn't awake until forty-eight hours had passed. In the ship's log, under date of April 18 occurs among other things this entry, Second Officer Luhrs says:

"King Python (pythonus bivittatus) escaped this day from crate by main hatch and mounted bridge. Navigation Officer Luhrs escaped death in horrid form by leaping to deck. Python secured by Oversteward Buttner. Crew panicked-stricken. Grogs served. Men panicked by efforts securing monkeys. More grogs served."

Monkeys Got Loose, Too.

By a singular coincidence, Second Officer Luhrs says, eight of the ten simians (the largest and fiercest eight) got loose at the same moment, and ran up ratlines and funnel-stays and made themselves generally objectionable. One of them armed himself with a belaying pin and was only subdued after a fierce struggle. Still another, closely pursued, leaped into the sea, crying something which was probably simianese for "death before dishonor." Then there were nine.

A dauntless spirit dwells beneath the blue shirt of Chief Steward Buttner. He it was, Second Officer Luhrs says, who fell upon the king python with bare hands, and gripping him close in back of his ears, held him innocuous while the cook and carpenter and the fourth engineer came and helped carry him back to his box and lock the door.

The Cingalese throughout the melee were unimportant, Second Officer Luhrs said.



After the Reptile Slept Round the Smokestack.

...s, except that they were in everybody's way.

Twice more before Algiers the menagerie broke loose. Second Officer Luhrs says, and each time the python was captured by the chief steward, who had fallen to the trick after his first try. At Algiers the python sat up and ate two chickens, his last recorded meal to date. He was given to him by the cook who, after placing sash weights on the lids of the monkey cages, handed each of the monkeys a lemon.

Coiled Himself Around the Funnel.

Four days out from Algiers the python, having in the interim sloughed off his skin, began all over again. Between there and here he broke loose four times in all, which by then nobody seemed to mind. Second Officer Luhrs says. The only time he did anything really tiresome, Second Officer Luhrs says, was on the last occasion, when he coiled himself around the funnel and went so fast asleep that they had to hold ammonia to his nose to get him to relax a little and give Chief Steward Buttner a chance to get his strangle hold.

The python was sleeping like a child yesterday. Second Officer Luhrs says the reptile will fetch a big price as soon as the animal men come down. The monkeys went ashore earlier in the day on a truck, Second Officer Luhrs said.

LOUISIANA GOES INTO COMMISSION

New Battleship Ready for Consignment at Norfolk.

GOING TO NEW ORLEANS

Sea Fighter Will Be Presented With a Handsome Silver Service by State.

The new battleship Louisiana was placed in commission at the Norfolk Navy Yard yesterday afternoon, according to information received at the Navy Department.

Necessary stores for the ship will be taken aboard during the week, after which she will proceed to the New York Navy Yard, to be equipped with her three and six-inch guns. This will be accomplished by the latter part of August. The battleship will then proceed to New Orleans, where she will be presented with a handsome silver service, the gift of the people of the State of Louisiana.

Bonaparte Is Invited.

A pressing invitation to attend these ceremonies has been sent to Secretary Bonaparte, but he has not yet been able to see his way clear to accept. Addresses will be made by the mayor of New Orleans, the governor of the State, and a number of the Louisiana members of Congress.

The Louisiana is one of fifteen battleships that were under construction the first of the year, and is the fourth to be placed in commission since that time, the other three being the Rhode Island, New Jersey, and Virginia. She is in the same class with the Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Vermont, Michigan, South Carolina, and New Hampshire, each of 16,000 tons displacement, and the largest ships so far added to the American navy.

The vessel is of 16,500 horsepower, and during her speed tests exceeded the required nineteen knots. She will carry twenty-four main battery guns. She is the first of the new type of battleships to be turned out by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company.

New Ship's Commander.

The new ship will sail out under the command of Capt. R. Couden, and Lieut. Comdr. P. L. Chapin has been detailed as executive officer. Captain Couden is a native of Indiana, and was appointed to the Naval Academy from Utah. His last assignment was that of general inspector of ordnance, and since the Louisiana was first consigned to the water has also been general inspector of that ship. Lieutenant Chapin, until given his present detail, was an assistant to the chief in the Bureau of Navigation.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., JUNE 2.

J. C. Pullin, a well-known Alexandria merchant, died at his home in North Royal street, opposite the city hall, about 8 o'clock tonight. Mr. Pullin had resided in Alexandria for many years and had a large number of friends. He is survived by a wife and several children.

Shooting Affray Averted by Police.

Richard Pines, colored, was arrested this afternoon by Policemen Nicholson and Jones on the charge of drawing a gun on Robert Bryant, also colored. The trouble took place on the old fair grounds at the head of King street.

John Bryant, Dantie Bryant, and Robert Bryant, all colored, were also arrested, charged with disorderly conduct.

Alexandria Ball Team Defeated

The baseball nine from Fort Hunt this afternoon defeated the Alexandria Athletic Club by the score of 8 to 3, in a game of ball played on the old fair grounds.

Services at Churches.

At the Second Presbyterian Church tomorrow the Rev. J. M. Nourse will

Officers of Royal Arch Masons.

Mt. Vernon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, have elected the following officers: Henry K. Field, high priest; J. E. W. Timberman, king; W. H. Charles, scribe; W. L. Allen, treasurer; K. Kemper, secretary; Samuel P. Fisher, captain of the host; J. Parker Milburn, principal sojourner; R. H. Atkinson, Jr., royal arch captain; M. S. Dinwiddie, grand master of the third veil; Wm. G. Rogers, grand master of the second veil; W. G. Leliew, grand master of the first veil; V. A. Moore, tiler; L. Ruben, steward; Rev. J. H. S. Ewell, chaplain.

Licenses Amount to \$13,339.13.

Mayor Paff today completed his returns to Auditor Price for the licenses collected during the year. The licenses amounted to \$13,339.13. Policeman Banner T. Young assisted the mayor in collecting the licenses.

Called Meeting of Templars.

A called convocation of the Old Dominion Commandery, Knights Templar, will be held at the asylum next Monday evening at 7 o'clock for work.

Brick for Repaving.

Vitrified brick for the repaving of Lee street, between Prince and King streets, has arrived, and the work of laying it will begin shortly.

Commissioner of Naturalization Refutes Statement of Representative Hepburn.

Representative Fitzgerald in the House yesterday, when the naturalization bill was under consideration, submitted a statement from Robert F. Randall, commissioner of naturalization for the eastern district of New York, contradicting the statement of Representative Hepburn, that an applicant for naturalization papers had never been refused by the courts.

From June 16 to December 31, 1903, while 2,754 petitions were granted, he stated that 868 petitions were denied; in 1904, granted 6,919, denied 3,248; in 1905, granted 5,316, denied 2,185; in January to April, 1906, granted 2,143, denied 1,143.

In the southern district, the denials are greater, Commissioner Randall states, owing to the fact that this district embraces the borough of Manhattan.

PROMINENT LUTHERAN PASTOR IS DEAD

ALLENTOWN, Pa., June 2.—S. A. Reppas, for twenty-one years pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church here, died today from an attack of heart failure. He was born in Virginia sixty-seven years ago. He was president of the General Synod South and of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania since 1886.

Repairs to Irving Wharf.

Repairs are being made to the old Irving wharf at the foot of King street, south of the ferry dock. It is said that a steamer which runs between Washington and a houseboat off Jones Point will stop at this wharf.

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MUST VACATE IN FORTY DAYS Selling Out Hudson's Variety Store

Lease of Store Sold to J. G. McGrorey & Co. of New York to Open Five and Ten Cent Stores

\$25,000 Stock of Housefurnishings, Crockery, Glass and Chinaware, Toys, Etc. MUST BE SOLD at 75 Cents On the Dollar and Less

Sacrificing Prices on Sterling Enameled Ware

Every piece guaranteed to be first quality

All \$10 and \$12 Decorated China Dinner Sets, 7.86	15 large-size Block Tin Wash Boilers, regular price 75c. To go at..... 48c	8-pt. Sterling Enamel Tea Kettle, Reg. 38c	4-pt. Sterling Enamel Lipped Sauce Pans, Reg. price 14c
2000 Crystal Glass Water Tumblers, regular price, 3c (Only 1 doz. to a customer.)	50 Crystal Glass Fruit Saucers, imitation cut glass, regular price, 5c; each..... 2c	2-pt. Tea or Coffee Pot, Regular price, 35c..... 19c	2-pt. Sterling Tea or Coffee Pots..... 16c
50 American China 4-qt. Water Pitchers, decorated with floral designs, regular price 50c	Grandma's Powdered Borax Soap; 5 packs for..... 10c	8-pt. Sterling Enamel Cooking Kettles with cover, Regular price \$1.00..... 67c	2-pt. Sterling Enamel Lipped Sauce Pans, Reg. price 18c..... 10c
275 Japanned Tin Chamber Pails, with covers; regular price 25c; to go at..... 17c	38 Heavy Galvanized Iron Wash Tubs, family size; riveted side handles; regular price, 60c; to go at..... 48c	12-pt. Sterling Enamel Sauce Pans, with long handle and cov. 39c	12-pt. Sterling Enamel Cooking Kettles, with cover, Reg. 39c..... 39c
7 Oriole Ice Chests, well made and well packed, galvanized lined through; \$2.98 out. Reg. price \$3.00..... 2.98	7 Oriole Ice Chests, well made and well packed, galvanized lined through; \$2.98 out. Reg. price \$3.00..... 2.98	8-pt. Sterling Enamel Long Handle Sauce Pans, with cover, Regular price 50c..... 25c	15-pt. Sterling Enamel Cooking Kettle with cover, Reg. price 75c..... 45c
85 5-gal. size heavy Galv. Iron Garbage Cans, with covers; regular price 60c..... 37c	Blue Flame and Gasoline Stoves at a Sacrifice.	4-pt. 14 oz. highly nickel-plated Coffee or Tea Pots, Regular price, 35c..... 67c	10 4-gal Japanned Water Coolers, galv. lined, Regu- lar price, \$2.50..... \$1.87
8 high-grade Empire Refrigerators, all galv. lined, bronze trimming, Regular \$4.98 price, \$5.00..... 4.98	All Window and Door Screens at Sacrifice Prices.		

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Through to 8th St.