

Swanton, N.Y.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1896

*The Cosmopolitan Magazine,  
Editorial Department.*

Dear Sir,

In view of the considerable public interest which promises to attach to the first exhibition of "Horseless Carriages" in New York, I would be much pleased if you could be present at the start in City Hall Square on the morning of May 30<sup>th</sup> and can accompany the judges, (General Miles General Craighill, Mr. Webb and Mr. Astor) to The Ardsley Country Club at Swanton-on-the-Hudson where the trial and inspection will

take place; and also that you  
will be able to dine with the Jones  
at the Country Club on the same  
evening.

Sincerely yours

John Gibson Washburn

To

Mayor Strong

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New York Board of Fire Underwriters,

Mutual Life Building, 32 Nassau Street.

President's office

(Room 710.)

119. Broadway

New York,

5<sup>th</sup> May 1896.

Hon Wm L. Strong  
Mayor.

My dear Sir

I presume there is no necessity for any appearance before you to advocate the expenditure of \$1,000,000. for laying additional water pipes, and that being so I will not be there at the hearing, unless there is some special reason why the Board of Underwriters should be there represented. No official action has been had on this particular bill as it had not come to our notice, but the Board is most heartily in favor of every movement that will increase the water supply of the City -

I am Sir  
Yours very truly  
Robert W. Markham  
Pres.

NY. May 5/96

Dear Mr Mayor

Permit me to say that it would be a God send for Washington Heights to have the L. Road extended, something that the residents have been praying for during the past twenty years, And up to this time have never had a Mayor that took any interest in the upper of the City. Had some of the preceding Mayors advocated said Extension, the Road would have been constructed and running in good shape by this time adding millions of dollars in land valuations and increasing the popula-

tion many hundred of  
thousand, may the Lord  
aid you in the undertaking  
and give you desired health,  
strength, power, and ambition  
to keep at these people  
so that the people will  
obtain through you immediate  
relief. If it should not be  
advantageous to the L. Co to  
run or build a Road to  
the Yukens line, let them  
build as far as Fort George  
and possibly in a few years  
some means may be devised  
by which they can go over  
hollow or low lands between  
Fort George and Kingsbridge  
If such could be done it

would be the means  
of keeping the Kingsbridge  
Road which is the main  
outlet of the City free  
from any obstruction

By means of an electric  
Road from St. George to Kings-  
bridge the people of that  
vicinity would be relieved  
for a few years, and we  
must bear in mind that  
the Third and. Res. Co. is about  
to construct a surface line  
up the Kingsbridge Rd to  
the City limits,

Why not give the St. George  
Extension and in a few years  
as I suggested devise some

Means to get over the low  
lands at inwood.

I write these few sug-  
-gestions simply as a Reviewer  
of the upper end

Truly Yours

L. B. Smith

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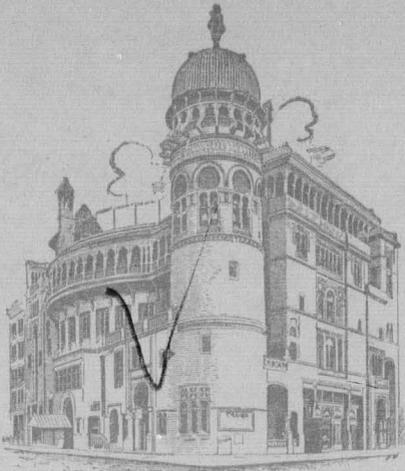
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CASINO, New York, *May 5.* 1896

*Bron L. Burrows, Esq.,  
Mayor's office, City.*

*My dear Mr. Burrows:*

*I have made several attempts to see Mr. Constable, only today he advised me to call tomorrow. As soon as I learn from him definitely what he wants, I will communicate with you.*

*Thanking you for past favors, believe me*

*Very truly Yours,  
Geoff Lederer*

614 West 143rd St.  
New York May 6 '96.

Mr. William L. Spring-

Dear Sir:

Having our  
Annual Entertainment, I  
write to ask your assistance.  
The proceeds are to be  
used, in giving a week's  
rest in the country,  
to tired mothers and  
their little ones.

Trusting you will  
kindly aid us by  
accepting the enclosed  
tickets, remain,

Very respectfully  
Mrs. H. J. Foley.

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NEW YORK, May 6, 1896. 189

Hon. Job E. Hedges,

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully ask for notice of the time of hearing on bill 1738 "an act to regulate, improve and enlarge Park Avenue above 106th street in the city of New York." I desire to be heard in opposition to the approval thereof.

Yours very truly

*Ernest Harvier*

W. H. ROWAN,  
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May 6, 1896

Hon W. L. Strong Mayor of New York

Dear Sir:

I notice in the newspapers that you are expected to use your influence in behalf of the 2 per cent tax to aid the old Volunteer Firemen. I sincerely hope you will oppose them. You know as well as I do that almost every Volunteer Firemen's Association in the City is nothing more or less than a Democratic Club kept up for political uses, and many of these old Volunteer Firemen hold political jobs under Democratic banners. They have no right to that insurance money. It should go, in my estimation to the present duty-doing paid fire department. The old Department was a disgrace to the city of New York, and always used for a Democratic political machine. Give the money to the men of to-day and not to the relics of a bygone age. Hoping you see the truth of my remarks. I am  
Very truly yours  
W. H. Rowan

41 West Eleventh St.  
May 6. 1896

Hon. Wm. J. Strong,  
Sir,

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I have been told that you desire to know something definite about the way in which Mr. Jasper, City Superintendent of Schools, carries on his work, as indicating his fitness for the position.

The Manual requires that he shall visit every school as often as once in each year. Instead of this the schools are examined usually about once in every year or a half by the Asso. Superintendents. In one school I found two very inefficient teachers, who had been

reported "deficient" after such an examination in Oct- 1894, but were still holding their positions in January, 1896. Of one of these a Trustee told me that he had been there twenty years, in my father's time & mine and was never fit for it."

In another school the Principal is recommended by the City Superintendent for retirement though her school has not been examined for more than a year, and Mr. Jasper has not been there <sup>in person</sup> for two years.

Two commissions have told me that Mr. Jasper has a vast amount of information about

matters that no one else has, & cannot be spared. But it seems to me that much of this information is personal, and that the Board of Education should not have an officer so valuable that they cannot do without him; the risk of his taking advantage of it is too great. Perhaps the greatest deficiency in this case is that the City Superintendent is so much absorbed by these details that he has either not time enough, or not thought enough to hold the schools to any common standard; they are quite too much what the individual Principal

can make them. This is unfair  
to teachers & pupils, & makes them  
very unequal.

I would add that Mr. Jasper wrote me under date of  
March 11. 1896, in reference to  
the violation of the Compulsory  
Attendance Act, "no fine has  
been inflicted up to the present  
time", yet the law is marked  
"Chapter 67. Laws of 1894."

In view of these matters having  
come to my personal knowledge,  
I cannot but think that there  
are tokens of grave neglect in  
the management of our Public  
Schools.

Respectfully,  
Edwin Collins  
Inspector 5<sup>th</sup> District

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19 WEST 38<sup>TH</sup> STREET.

NEW YORK, *May 6<sup>th</sup>* 189*6*

Hon Wm'n King:-

Dear Sir.

The Ladies Health  
Protective Association  
protest - against your  
signing the bill allowing  
the erection of Public  
water closets as a private  
enterprise. We feel that  
it should be in the  
hands of the Municipality  
Yours very respectfully

(Mrs) Corily L. Wakeman

142 E. 35<sup>th</sup> St, Co Sec

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Philadelphia, May 6th, 1896

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have been asked to write you about the gentlemen who have organized a Garbage Utilization Company and whose bid for that work in the City of New York Commissioner Waring has accepted.

As Director of the Department of Public Works of our city during the administration of Mayor Fitler I had full opportunity to become acquainted with the needs of a large city in this direction and also with the various modes and appliances for getting rid of the garbage. In addition to this fact I know the gentlemen interested in the work, Mr. D. B. Martin being an active Director in our Bank, and the others have been and are now engaged in similar work here.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend their process and to endorse their financial standing, which is ample for any engagements into which they may enter.

Col. Waring and General Collis have known me personally for many years and will, I am sure, satisfy you that any statement I may make can be depended upon.

Satisfied that these gentlemen will render as good service to New York as they have done to Philadelphia I

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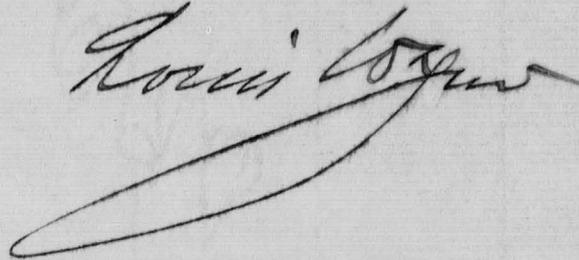
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J.R.S.

trust their application for this contract may meet with success.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louis Wagner", with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Hon. J. R. Strong,

Mayor of New York City,

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*New York,* May 6, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
City.

My dear Mayor Strong:

I promised Mr. Beardslee that I would speak to you a kind word in behalf of his Bill, which comes before you to-day. I have read the Bill. It is not mandatory, but permissive and I hope you will see your way clear to approve it, for I should judge from what he has told me with regard to his services in connection with the Board of Education that his claim has merit. At any rate it will do no harm to inquire into its merit.

Yours very truly,

*S. H. Wales*

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*New York* May 7th, 1896. *189*

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:-- Please send us a permit to sell horses at the Madison Square Garden during the evenings of May 12th and 13th, commencing at 7:30 o'clock.

We hand herewith copy of an advertisement that will duly appear in the New York City papers as stated at the bottom of the copy. We also hand herewith a Catalogue of the Sale.

Yours truly,

*Peter C Kellogg & Co*

New York Board of Fire Underwriters,

Mutual Life Building, 32 Nassau Street.

(Room 710.)

New York, May 7th, 1896.

Abstract from the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, held April 15th, 1896.

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The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, This Board has always regarded the maintenance and use of the 42nd Street Reservoir as an important part of the water supply of this City, standing as it does nearer the congested part of the City than any other Reservoir, preserving any surplus flow of water during the hours when the supply exceeds the drafts for use at other times of the day, thus tending to equalize the pressure and to furnish a more adequate supply at times when otherwise it would be insufficient:

And Whereas, This Board learns with regret that a renewed effort is being made to do away with the Reservoir thus still further restricting the present inadequate supply of water on the east side and in the lower part of the City:

Be It Resolved, That this Board again enters its earnest protest against the removal of the Reservoir, and urges upon all the authorities responsible in the premises that it be retained and used to its

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(Room 710.)

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utmost capacity:

Resolved, That the Officers of the Board and the Committee on Water Supply be requested to use all the means in their power to make this protest efficient.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy.

*M. J. Horburn*  
Secretary.



Chancellor's Office,  
Washington Square, May 7th, 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,

My dear Mayor:-

Permit me to introduce to you, the Director of our University Gymnasium, Mr. Frank H. Cann, who represents all of us in our desire to avail ourselves of your kind willingness, which you expressed in your speech at University Heights, last October, to act as an umpire some day at the Ohio Field. The track contests between the University and our Methodist friends from Wesleyan University, will be a very interesting occasion, especially as we expect to inaugurate at that time, a handsome new grand stand.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry M. Macbratkin*

Chancellor.

New York, May 7th, 1896.

Mayor Strong,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Can you inform me how a permit can be obtained for a blind lady to place a news-stand under the stairs of the S. E. Corner of 116th Street and 3rd Avenue Elevated Railroad Station? I have been informed that a permit must be secured from the Board of Aldermen - if so will you kindly place the matter before them? The person for whom this application is made is worthy of any favor which the City can grant her, and references or any necessary information will be cheerfully given to those who may require the same. Those having authority regarding the property on said corner have already given their verbal consent for this person to sell papers and establish a stand (Allowing her to have a booth built to protect her from the weather etc.) providing the City Authorities will issue a permit. She has no definite way of earning her living, as owing to her blindness she cannot do work as others, and if the scheme already mentioned can be brought to a reality this person will doubtless thereby be made self-supporting - which is the object of this letter to secure if possible a self-supporting avenue for her.

Trusting this may receive favorable and prompt attention,

I am,

Respectfully,

ADDRESS - N.L.Piersall,  
110 E. 118th St.,  
N. Y. City.

GEO. B. POST, Architect,  
33, EAST 17TH STREET,  
New York.

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MAY 8 1896  
for examination and report.  
W. L. Strong,  
MAYOR.

7th May 1896.

Dear Sir :

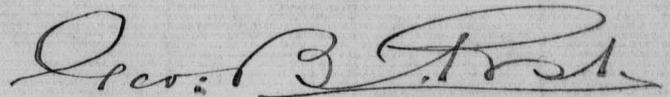
Believing that my position in the matter of the appointment of the architect for the rebuilding of the Tombs has been misunderstood I wish to place myself on record with this explanation.

I was led to believe in consequence of an interview with Mr. Withers, that Mr. Withers had been the regular architect of the Department of Charity and Correction- that in pursuance of his duties he had prepared sketches for the rebuilding of the Tombs. Under these circumstances the ethics of the profession would prevent my taking any steps to secure the appointment. until his claim had been disposed of. In an interview with Mr. Wright I thought I explained this fully.

I have learned that Mr. Withers was not the regular architect of the Commission- that he had not been retained or authorized to prepare sketches.

I am,

Yours very truly,



His Honor, Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York.

*Hotel Twiller*  
*25th St. & Lexington*  
*New York Ave.*

May 8th, 1896.

To His Honor,

The Hon. Mayor Of

New York City.-

Would Your Honor be  
pleased to grant me, the undersigned, a permit to  
speak to countrymen, -the Swedes - upon religious  
matters, preaching Christ and his salvation, down at  
the Battery on Sunday afternoons.

Respectfully Yours

*Axel Gustafson*

May 8/96

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor. —

Dear Sir:

On or about the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. last I drew the attention of the Police Commissioners to the fact that persons arrested by the Police who may be unable to give bail for their appearance in the Magistrates' Court the next morning suffer great hardships for the reason that they receive no food until after their respective cases have been disposed of in the Court to which they are brought the next day. — For instance a person may be arrested on Saturday at a few minutes past noon. — Under the above circumstances he is kept without food until perhaps 10 or 11 o'clock on Sunday morning i.e. until his case may

have been imposed of by the magistrate.

These courts are opened at 9 A.M. every day in the year. -

Again - on Sundays or holidays - if a person should be so unfortunate as to be arrested after the courts have adjourned he is kept until the next morning without food. -

What consolation to whom that he is found innocent by the Magistrate when his case is called the next day after he has innocently suffered!

Every man is presumed absolutely innocent until proven guilty by a Court of competent jurisdiction, it is therefore but just that every thing involving of punishment should be eliminated as far as possible until after the hearing. -

As I have not heard that the Police Commissioners have inaugurated any steps to remedy the evil I complained of to them I therefore take the liberty of thus addressing you on the subject. -

Respectfully  
H. S. Mulliken  
of Washington



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

*Executive Department,*

*Boston,* May 8th, 1896.

Hon. W.L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by His Honor the Lieut. Governor, acting Governor, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 21st recommending the pardon of Frederick Gottschalk, now confined in the House of Correction at South Boston.

The petition for pardon has been very carefully investigated and from the report of the District Attorney His Honor learns that Gottschalk was married about eleven years ago in New York; in six months his wife left him; later he lived with a woman called Mrs. Gottschalk, promising to marry her when he procured a divorce. There is no evidence that they were ever married. They have two children and are likely to have a third. About four years ago Gottschalk became acquainted with the woman whom he

brought to Boston, and has by her one child two years old. She  
will probably ~~to~~ have a second child soon. He left New York about  
Feb. 10th and was arrested the 28th. Between those dates he had  
cohabitated with the woman he brought from New York. She was sen-  
tenced to one year's imprisonment.

Under these circumstances His Honor is of the opinion  
that it is not a proper case for the exercise of executive clemency.  
I think you will agree with him.

Respectfully yours,

*E. F. Hamlin*

Executive Clerk.

Law Offices of  
LAMB, OSBORNE & PETTY  
253 Broadway,  
POSTAL TELEGRAPH BUILDING,

NEW YORK, May 8th, 1896

Dear Sir:-

I understand that a public hearing is to be had before you at eleven o'clock to-day, in regard to the propriety of your approval of a measure adopted by the legislature authorizing compulsory references in the City Court of the City of New York.

In my opinion the measure merits your approval.

The City Court has heretofore been regarded as a tribunal for the speedy trial of the smaller causes. By reason of the fact that compulsory references, in cases involving the examination of a long account, are ordered in the Supreme Court as a matter of course, I learn that plaintiffs in order to avoid thus disposing of their cases frequently institute such actions in the City Court with the consequence that the calendars of that court are now often blocked for several days in the trials of mere matters of account.

The result of this condition of affairs is that the City Court is now a year behind, as I am informed, in the actual disposition of the cases before it, and unless some change is made in regard to the matter, cases will shortly so accumulate that they will not be reached for trial for two years after the filing of notes of issue.

No reasonable objection can be made to a bill authorizing

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compulsory references in cases where merely long accounts are involved, and the public interest demands that the business of the City should not be blocked by cases of the sort referred to.

My duties at the Law School require my presence this morning or I would appear before you in person in regard to the matter.

I hope it will receive your approval.

Very truly yours,



Professor in New York Law School.

To

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

EUGENE HIGGINS,  
OFFICE,  
10 WEST 23D STREET,

NEW YORK, May 8th. 1896.

Job. C. Hedges, Esq.  
City Hall,  
New York, N. Y.  
Dear Sir: -

George C. Strong Camp # 69 Sons  
of Veterans, will erect a flag staff at Gen. Strong's  
grave in Greenwood on Memorial Day, May 30th  
1896.

I take the liberty of addressing you this letter  
on behalf of the Camp, to ask you to give an oration  
at the unveiling of the staff and flag.

The ceremony is to be held in conjunction  
with those of Strong Post, 534 G. A. R.

It is earnestly hoped by all members of the  
Camp, that we will hear favorably from you.

I am,

Yours truly  
Gustav Zimmermann  
Captain, Camp # 69.

George C. Strong Camp # 69 S. O. V. Riv. New York  
315 Washington Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

CHARLES E. RUNK,  
ROOM 18,  
47 BROAD STREET.

NEW YORK, May 5<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. Wm L Strong  
New Sic

As a property owner  
in the 23<sup>rd</sup> assembly district and that  
portion of the 31<sup>st</sup> Assembly district that  
will be affected by the proposed creation  
of a new Judicial district, I am  
heartily in favor of the measure, and  
trust that Your Court, will use your  
most earnest endeavors in furthering  
same.

Yours Truly  
C. E. Runk

Referring to 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Bill.

OFFICE OF THE  
ESTATE OF JOSEPH POTTER,  
128 BROADWAY,  
Room 2.

NEW YORK, May 7th., 189 6

The Hon. Wm. M. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

As an extensive property owner in that part of the City embraced by the proposed new 13th judicial district the bill for which you have now on hand, I take the liberty of saying to you that I am heartily in favor of this measure owing to the constant increase of the population which I think makes this district necessary and trust you will give the bill your thorough consideration and consequently sign the same.

Yours very truly,

*Potter & Bro.*

FELIX KRUPP,

BUILDER.

25. Morningside Ave.  
N. Y. City.

New York May 7<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor New York City

Dear Sir.

You have on hand a bill which will establish the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, and as I am a property owner and builder in that section I wish to say that I favor the bill as the great increase in population makes it a necessity and I hope you will look upon it with favor and sign the same.

I am Sir

Respectfully Yours  
Felix Krupp

HENRY B. HELMKE,  
REAL ESTATE,  
301 WEST 137TH STREET,  
NEW YORK.

May 9. 1906.

Hon Wm L. Strong  
Mayor N. Y. City

Dear Sir,

I am a builder and owner  
of Realty in the upper portion  
of the City that is included  
in the district that is to be  
known as the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial  
District, and I take the  
liberty to express my self in  
favor of the bill as the  
enormous increase in population  
demands a new District.  
Hoping that you will sign  
the bill I am,

Yours Respy  
Henry B. Helmke



STATE OF NEW YORK.  
**Assembly Chamber,**

A. Y.  
Albany, May 9/1896

Hon. William L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York.  
Dear Sir!

This Bill is to provide for the payment of one months salary due to E. B. Kinney for services rendered in the Mayor's Marshals Office for the month of March 1895 which the Comptroller of the City of New York refuses to pay on the ground that said Kinney had been illegally appointed & not having passed a Civil Service examination. Mr. Kinney being a veteran of the late war it was supposed that he was exempt from such examination.

This Bill gives the Board of Estimate power to look into and determine whether said Kinney shall be paid for services rendered

by him to the City of New York  
as inspector to the office he was  
appointed by you

yours very Respectfully  
Jacob. A. Mitternacht  
per J.F.N.

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CHARLES J. HARDY,  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW.

TEMPLE COURT,  
No. 5 BEEKMAN STREET,  
TELEPHONE, No 2557 CORTLANDT.

NEW YORK, May 4th, 189 6.

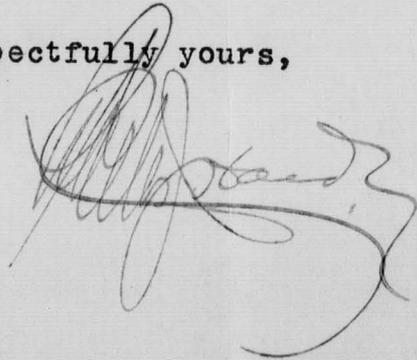
Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

May I ask whether you desire to see me further in relation to the matter connected with the management of the Building Department, concerning which I have already had several interviews with you? If you do, I shall be very glad to keep any appointment you may make for me. If not, may I request the return of the memoranda submitted on behalf of my people, containing a statement of some of their grievances against the Department?

I am led to make this request by the direction of the people whom I represent, who seem to think that perhaps after all it is better for them to proceed directly by formal charges against the management. If you remember, in my first interview I stated to you that I myself thought it would be better for my clients to proceed in that manner.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. J. Hardy', written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

CHARLES J. HARDY,

COUNSELLOR AT LAW.

TEMPLE COURT,  
NO. 5 BEEKMAN STREET,  
TELEPHONE No 2557 CORTLANDT.

NEW YORK, May 9th, 1896.

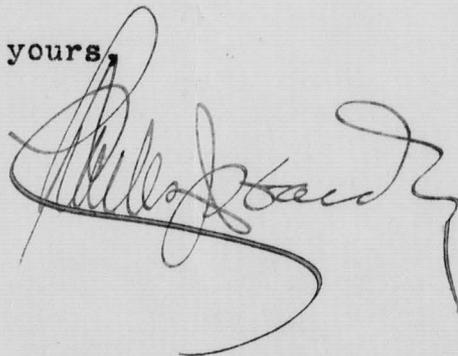
Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to call your attention to my letter to you of the 4th inst. As I have received no reply to it, I presume that in the press of other business the matter has been overlooked by you.

I should be glad if you would return at your earliest convenience the memorandum which I submitted to you some time ago, and to which I referred in my letter of the 4th.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles J. Hardy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

ISIDOR STRAUS.

SIXTH AVENUE,  
13<sup>TH</sup> TO 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET,  
NEW YORK. May 9th, 1896

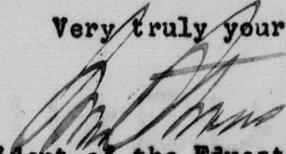
Dear Sir:-

At the monthly meeting of the Directors of the Educational Alliance held last evening it was resolved to thank you, and through you the Board of Street Opening, for the location of one of the small parks authorized by the legislature, in the vicinity of the Hebrew Institute, the building occupied by the Educational Alliance, and I take great pleasure in communicating to you this expression of the obligations which those interested in the work of the Educational Alliance feel for the liberal spirit which actuated the Board in consenting to appropriate the three plots of ground, which I had the honor of advocating before your Board, instead of confining it to the small space of only two of the plots.

I am sure that the tax-payers of this

city cheerfully respond to such improvements. It is economy in the long run. It not only provides a breathing space much needed in that thickly populated district, but it eliminates from the map of the city one of the spots which is a blot upon our civilization.

Very truly yours,

  
President of the Educational Alliance.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor,  
City Hall,  
N.Y. City.

JAMES M. LEOPOLD,  
Member N. Y. Stock Exchange.

ALFRED M. LEOPOLD.

OFFICE OF JAMES M. LEOPOLD & CO.,  
Bankers & Brokers,

No. 84 BROADWAY,

Telephone Call,  
2847 Cortlandt.

New York May 8<sup>th</sup> 1896

The Honorable Wm. L. Strong  
Dear Sir

Being a public spirited citizen of this city and feeling and having a very just pride in our fire department, I deem it a pleasure to write you relative to the Bill or measure recently passed the Legislature, which is now in your hands for consideration -

This measure, which is for the increase of salary, is what I consider "an act of justice," as I have investigated the matter and find that the officers mentioned in said bill, are not paid the same salary or receive the same compensation as officers of the same grade in the Police Department, which I consider an injustice and I presume that you fully realize that the Fire Department is entitled to the same, if not more, consideration, at least to the same compensation in regard

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to salary.

Hoping that you will give this matter  
your usual and proper consideration, that  
it deserves

I remain

Yours very Respectfully  
*James M. Leopold*

230 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.

Mayor

Dear Sir;

I understand that a bill  
is awaiting your action which provides  
for an increase of pay to the officers  
of the fire department. I hope

You may see your way clear to  
approve the bill, if it is a fact  
that salaries in the fire dept

are lower than salaries in  
the police dept. The officers  
of the fire dept seem to me  
to render fully as important  
a service to the City as do  
the officers of the police dept  
and therefore to be entitled  
to equal pay.

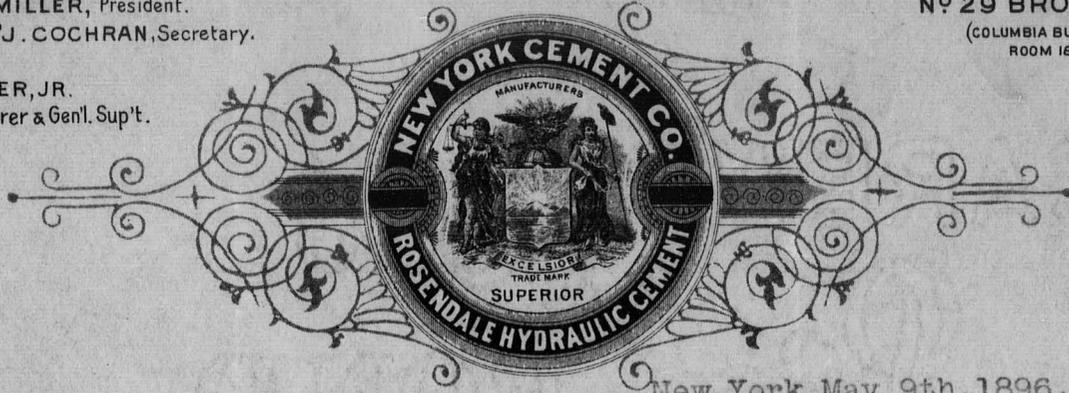
Sincerely yours

Harvey L. Fish

JOHN MILLER, President.  
BEN'J. COCHRAN, Secretary.

THOMAS MILLER, JR.  
Treasurer & Gen'l. Sup't.

OFFICE  
Nº 29 BROADWAY.  
(COLUMBIA BUILDING.)  
ROOM 182.



New York, May 9th, 1896.

Honorable, William L. Strong:

Mayor Of The City Of New York.

Honorable Sir:

As a resident tax payer, & representing large taxable interests in this city, I respectfully & earnestly request your favorable consideration & early approval of the bill, now awaiting your action, providing for an increase in the pay of the members of its Fire Department.

It affords me pleasure to state that, in making this request, I not only express my own wishes but the desires of numerous business friends representing extensive holdings dependent for protection against fire & loss of life upon this highly efficient & ever active department.

Reference to its past record for promptness, efficiency, & bravery, is unnecessary & in view of past services & the dangerous duties still to be performed it seems only reasonable that we show our appreciation of this department in the most substantial manner possible.

No estimate of the value of the services rendered by this department can be stated when we consider the lives & property it has saved & the constantly active & extremely dangerous calling of its ever brave & willing members.

Believing that it is the duty of every citizen to see that these men are better paid for the dangers they are constantly obliged to face I feel that you will pardon the liberty I have taken in addressing you upon the subject & trusting for your approval of the measure.

I remain

Yours very respectfully,

Residence, 183 West 73d Street, N.Y. City.

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# New York Produce Exchange.

New York, May 11th, 1896.

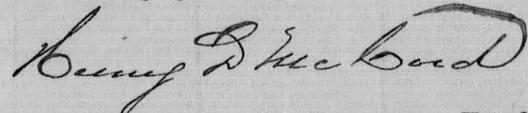
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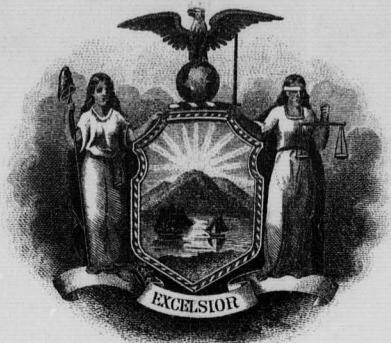
Dear Sir:

I heartily approve of the bill introduced by Mr. French advancing pay of officers of our Fire Department, said bill having passed both Senate and Assembly and is now in your hands awaiting your approval, which I hope you will give. Such men as the New York firemen risking, and at times losing their lives, (as was the case with Mr. Shaw) to protect our property, should be well paid, and a few dollars should not, and we hope will not stand in the way of your hearty approval of the bill.

Respectfully yours,



President N. Y. Produce Exchange.



FRANK D. PAVEY.  
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

State of New York,  
Senate Chamber.  
Albany, May 1st, 1896

Hon. Job E. Hedges,  
Secretary &c.,  
Mayor's Office, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of the 30th ult., in reference to the hearing on Monday, May 4th, 1896, at 3 P. M. on Senate Bill No. 1497, entitled "An Act for the relief of Edward McGaffney, a retired fireman of the City of New York", I desire to say that I will forward your communication to the parties who have been looking after the matter, and for whom I introduced the bill. I am under no obligation to take charge of it before the Mayor, and am not sufficiently familiar with the merits of the case to do so.

Yours very truly,

Frank D. Pavey



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FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

State of New York,  
Senate Chamber.  
Albany, May 11th, 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor &c., New York City.

Dear Sir:

It was my intention to be present at the hearing last Saturday upon Senate Bill No. 1453 relating to references in the City Court. From my knowledge of the general character of the business in that Court and the terms of the bill, I feel that it is a good measure and desire to give expression to that approval.

Yours very truly,

Frank D. Pavey

EDWARD J. MCGUIRE,  
COUNSELOR AT LAW.

25 Pine Street,  
New York, May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York

My dear Sir

May I ask if any action  
has been taken regarding the matters set  
forth in my letter of April 21<sup>st</sup> last directed  
to you as Chairman of the Board of Estimate  
and Apportionment?

You may remember that Mr Carpenter  
of the Westchester County Supervisors, Mr  
Robinson, the Secretary of the New York  
Catholic Protectory and I spoke with you  
regarding the children committed by  
magistrates to that institution from  
the portions of Westchester Co. annexed  
to New York under the act of 1895 and  
remaining therein at the date of annex-  
ation. Westchester County and New York  
City are discussing the adjustment of  
their affairs and for nearly a year no  
compensation has been paid for these  
children

May I ask you to favor us by presenting  
the matter for action at the next meeting  
of your board if no action has yet been had.

I write you this as there does not appear  
any entry on the minutes of the pre-  
vious meetings of the consideration  
of the matter.

Yours respectfully,

Arnold J. Guio

Attorney for N.Y. Catholic Protective  
SAC

Edward G. Whitaker,  
Law Offices,  
Columbia Building, 29 Broadway,  
New York, May 11 1896

To the Mayor,

Dear Sir

It has come to my knowledge  
that to day you pass upon Assembly  
bill 2385 regarding City employees when  
they sign their names to the pay roll  
to state their residences -

I want simply to say that I deem  
the bill a most excellent one, which  
will avoid one possibility in the  
future of "stuffing" the pay rolls

It will prevent attempts to fraud  
in my judgment.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient Servant  
Edward G. Whitaker



*Edgar B. Jewett, Mayor.*  
*Charles A. White, Secretary.*

## *Mayor's Office*

*Buffalo, N.Y. May 11th, 1896*

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I enclose a list prepared by the Governor, showing the bills left in his hands at the adjournment of the Legislature. It shows that Assembly Bill No. 1738, introduced by Mr. Coughlin, entitled

"An act to validate and confirm certain consents heretofore given by the local authorities of cities of the first and second class to the construction, operation and maintainance of street surface railroads therein"

is now in your hands for approval or disapproval. (See the asterisk in front of the number 558.)

This bill was drawn specially to apply to a situation existing here in Buffalo today, and I am informed it does not apply to any other city in the State. For some reason it was not sent to me for approval or disapproval, and the fact that it was submitted to you I discovered by accident.

I do not hesitate to condemn this bill as bad and vicious. It was drawn with intent to deceive, and rushed through the Legislature during the last days of the session, without giving our citizens an adequate opportunity to be heard in opposition to its passage.

As you are in a position where you have some authority over the bill, I most respectfully request you, on behalf of the city of

Edgar B. Jewett, Mayor.  
Charles A. White, Secretary.



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Buffalo, to send the same to the Governor with your disapproval.

Kindly advise me as to what action you take on this measure,  
and oblige

Yours very truly

Edgar B. Jewett  
Mayor.

Dear Sir,

Now that you have given us a new lease of life by approving the assessment-relief bill, — for which we thank you — I beg to recall a recent-remark of yours, viz, that you expect sometime to reside north of the Harlem yourself. (You could not have meant in Woodlawn; God forbid!)

Well, — the place is Bedford Park, Botanical Gardens, Bronx, Moshulu Parkway, Concourse (coming), New School House, Jerome Park Reservoir, beautiful sites, good neighbors, and, crowning all, my church; a gem in its way, and needing

only to be adorned with your  
Honor among the few-holders!

We are at the right distance  
now for a Sunday trip: both pious  
and pleasant! Suburban L to Trem-  
mont; then trolley to end. Five  
minutes' walk up Suburban St.  
Hours: 11 a.m. ; 7-45 p.m. Come  
early and you may see our  
'cute Primary class!'

Respectfully Yours,

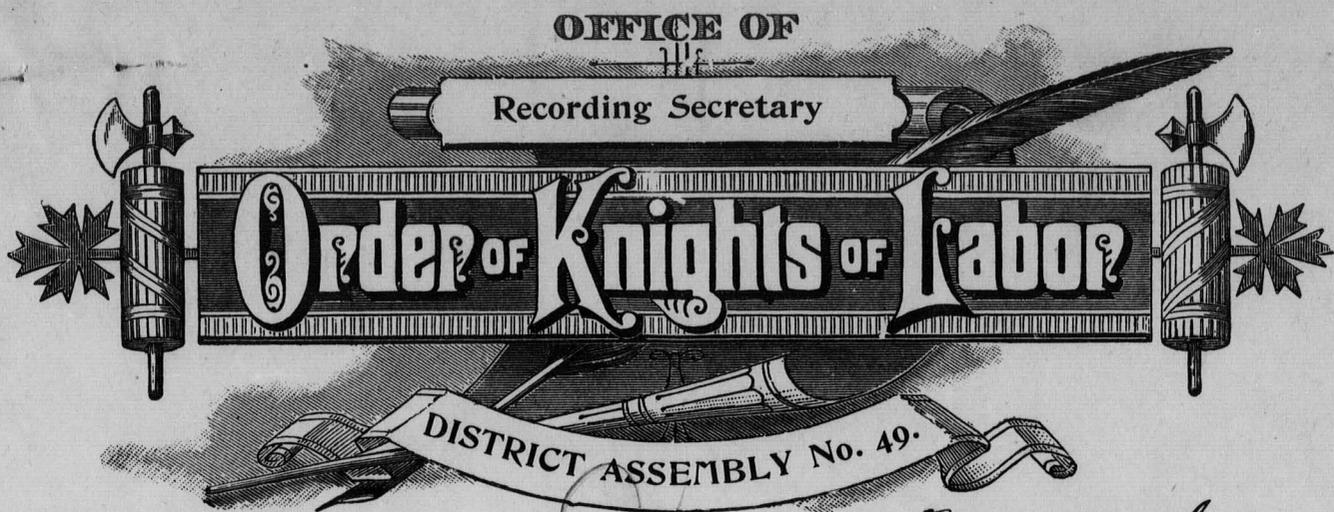
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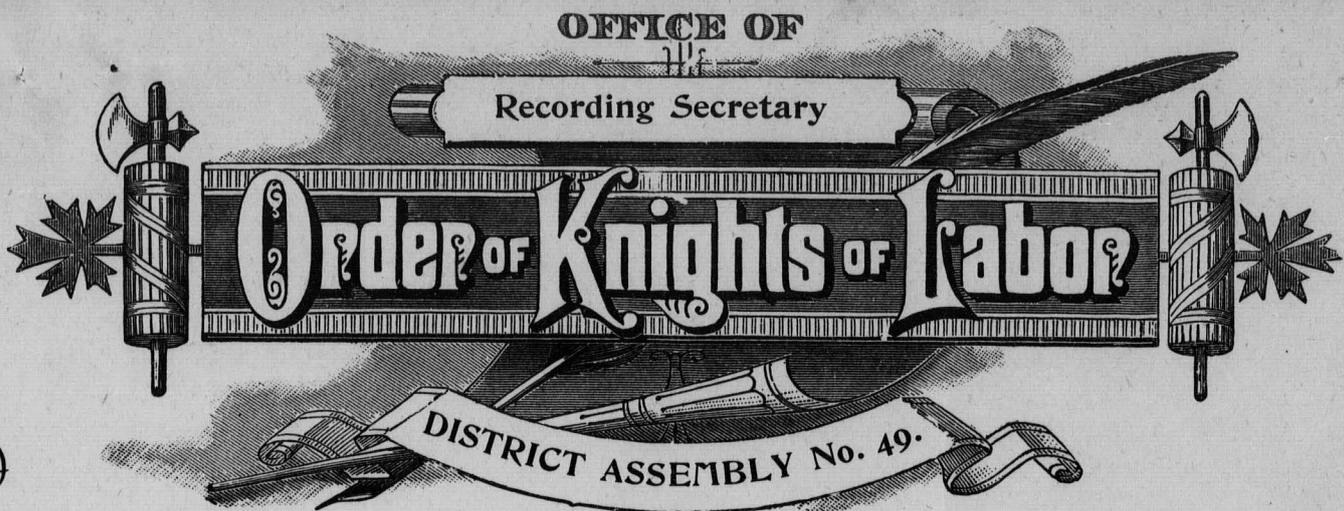
New York City, N. Y., May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon William L. Strong Mayor City of New York  
Dear Sir :-

I am instructed by District Assembly #49  
K. of L. to forward you the following resolution  
passed by a unanimous vote of the D.A on Sunday.  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 1896

Whereas :- Battery Park is the only breathing ground  
for many of our down trodden Citizens in the lower  
part of Manhattan Island, and has been laid  
out and beautified at enormous expense to this  
Municipality as a recreation ground for many of  
our fellow workers and their families, who cannot  
afford under the present Social system to enjoy the  
Summer at Watering places; Therefore be it

Resolved :- That District Assembly #49 in regular  
Session assembled do hereby most vigorously protest  
against the Manhattan Elevated Railroad been  
granted any further Concessions by using said  
Battery Park as a foundation for their unsightly



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Structures, as it is well known by the Knights of Labor, that Messers Russell Sage and George Gould are leaving no stone unturned to get the said City property under their control; and be it further

Resolved that we demand of the Mayor and Board of Alderman the immediate starting of the work that will give this City a system of Rapid transit by the Underground Railroad, controlled and operated for and by the People as was decided by a majority of the Voters at the Election in 1894

I am Yours respectfully  
Michael. Kelly Secretary  
D.A. 49 K of L

Office # 25 + 27 Third Avenue -

Established 1860.

H. A. GOUGE, PRESIDENT AND TREASURER.  
WM. G. FULTON, SECRETARY.

OFFICE OF  
THE GOUGE HEATING AND VENTILATING CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF

Gouge's Patent Ventilating Apparatus, also Gouge's Patent Heating Apparatus,  
47 BEEKMAN STREET,

New York, May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor.

My dear Sir,

About a year ago we had some talk and correspondence in reference to Ventilating New Court House. I was referred to Judge Coff. He asked me to go over the building and make a thorough examination and give my views on the Ventilation, which I did on Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1895.

I now understand some changes are contemplated. If so, I would be pleased to be reckoned in the fight.

Very truly yours,  
H. A. Gouge

Reply

May 11<sup>th</sup> 96

Honorable W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong

Mayor City of New York

City Hall N.Y.

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge your favor of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing reply of Secy Briscoe of the Civil Service Bureau. Kindly give your attention to the following and your Honor will readily see the inconsistency of Mr Briscoe's statement. He declared me the first and only applicant for the position referred to when I applied on May 13<sup>th</sup> 95. Mr Briscoe now claims O'Shea requested his papers changed on May 12<sup>th</sup> 95 thereby giving him priority of claim for classification and appointment. Then why were my papers on May 13<sup>th</sup> 95 declared number One on that specified list. I have witness to this declaration by Mr Briscoe. Then O'Shea did not have his papers changed until May 14<sup>th</sup> 95, one day after my papers were filed and on the very day the Board of Electrical Control made requisition for such an applicant. Mr Briscoe gives my papers number 2300 and O'Shea's #114 showing conclusively that he is now rating me from the labor list and after O'Shea numerically, which is incorrect. I did not apply for registration on the labor list but on the specified classification list as "Electrical Wireman's Helper" which Mr Briscoe inaugurated the day I filed my papers May 13<sup>th</sup> 95. I am capable of fulfilling other positions but were I to apply now, imagine my chances for appointment. An injustice has been done me and I trust in your Honor for redress.

Very Respectfully Yours

Geo. J. Donnelly

438 East 14<sup>th</sup> St

N.Y.C.

Office of  
Van Opstal & Co.  
Wholesale  
Wines & Liquors,  
408 & 410 Madison Street.

New York, May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896

To His Honor the Mayor of the City of New York

Honorable Sir

a few days ago I received a summons emanating from Mr. Hayer, formerly Attorney for the defunct Board of Excise, and in the name of the Mayor & alderman of the City of New York, for the amount of a bond which I don't remember I signed for a liquor dealer whose license it seems has been revoked.

Now, your Honor permit me to explain these transactions of the office of the Board of Excise, and as you are an Honorable and just gentleman, and a business man of experience, you will see that these proceedings are of the greatest and of the most flagrant injustice.

It seems Sir, that for a number of years a law has been in existence that a man before getting a license must have two bondsmen, and as I have been informed now that in case a license is revoked that the bondsmen were responsible for the amount of the fines; but Sir this law has not been enforced for years, and to

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put it in execution now in a sudden, particularly in cases like mine, is an outrage and a rank injustice.

In the case of the Raines Law, now lately passed, every body has been forewarned of the penalties attached in giving bonds, and every body knows now that the law is going to be enforced; but Sir, who knew it under the old law, hardly any body, I think, and then your Honor, this giving bonds formerly was a mockery, as when I came to the Excise Office, to give bonds for one of our customers, one or more of the clerks of the office requested me to sign bonds for people I had never seen, thus enticing me and coaxing me to do a thing which they ought to have known was wrong, and for which it seems now they want an innocent person to suffer.

What I advance your Honor is no idle talk, I can bring you a dozen witnesses who will swear that papers were brought before me to be signed for strangers I never knew, and the case for which I have been sued is one of them, as I positively state and will make an affidavit and swear to it, that the bond I signed

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(if not a forgery) for the person whose license has been revoked, I have never seen or heard from.

Under these circumstances, I friendly request your Honor to intercede for me that this injustice is rectified, as it would be blot to the name of the City of New York to allow such an injustice to take place.

Trusting to get a favorable answer I am

Your Honor's obedient Servant  
John Van Opstal.

408 & 410 Madison St. City

CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

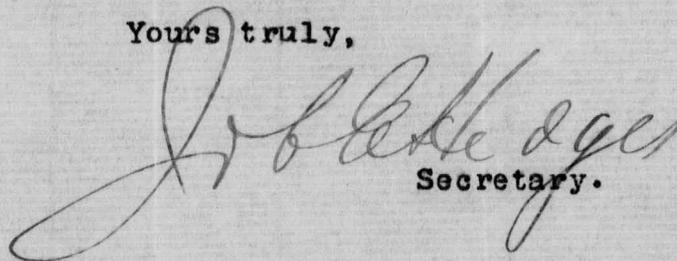
May 12th, 1896.

Mr. John VanOpstal,  
408 Madison street,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to say, in reply to  
your favor of yesterday, that the subject matter  
of your letter is one entirely for the courts and  
over which he has no jurisdiction.

Yours truly,

  
Secretary.

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408 & 410 Madison Street.

New York, May 12<sup>th</sup> 1896

To his Honor the Mayor of the City of  
New York

Dear Sir

~~Ed.~~ I received your answer to my  
letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, which I inclose, and am sorry  
to see that you have no jurisdiction in this matter  
of the summons of "The Mayor & Aldermen" for the  
recovery of a penalty for an Excise bond.

This summons as your Honor knows emanates  
from the Board of ex-commissioners of Excise through  
their Attorney, and as you have appointed this Board  
and as I have explained to you that it would be unjust  
and unfair to try to punish me for an act in which I  
have no fault, I certainly thought that by your  
direction or your influence these proceedings could  
be stopped, I therefore directed myself to you  
and certainly expected to find justice, if it was  
in your power to do so.

Respectfully yours  
John Van Opstal

WILSON M. DAY, PRESIDENT  
JOHN G. W. COWLES, 1<sup>ST</sup> V. PRESIDENT.  
ROBERT H. BOGGIS, 2<sup>ND</sup> V. PRESIDENT.  
GEORGE S. RUSSELL, TREASURER.  
RYERSON RITCHIE, SECRETARY.

## The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce

May 12th, 1896.

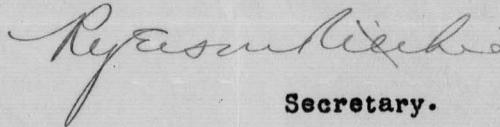
Mr. Job E. Hedges,

Secretary to Mayor Strong,

New York City.

Dear Sir: Enclosed please find cheque for \$100 in favor of Mr. Strong, voted by the board of directors to cover the expense of his recent visit to this city as the guest of the chamber. Kindly secure his signature to the enclosed receipt and return.

Respectfully,



Secretary.

Encs.

2 Wall Street.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

Your favor of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing letters from Messrs Bliss & Melcott has been received. The gentleman named in the correspondence is already well & favorably known to us who believe a change desirable & will receive careful consideration.

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Wm. L. Strong, Chas. W. Hubbell

THE MARITIME ASSOCIATION OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 12th. 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York.

Your Honor -

This delegation of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York, urges your approval of State Senate bill Number 976, throwing safeguards round Hell Gate pilotage, in the interest of the commerce of this port and of the State.

As President of that Association - generally known as the Maritime Exchange, I would say that it was incorporated by the Legislature of this State in 1874, to look after the Maritime interests of the port of New York. Its membership aggregates 1,185, embracing all classes of commercial activity, foreign and domestic, ocean and interior. In justice to such diverse interests, we can officially act only in such cases as effect them in common.

This is a typical case and those interests conjointly appeal to you to approve this measure so that it may become a law.

We cannot conceive of any reasonable disinterested objection to it. It simply enacts three requirements.

First, an appeal to an official Board in case of overcharge.

Second, that the members of such official Board shall be disinterested.

Third, that Hell Gate pilots, as at Sandy Hook and at all other ports the world over, shall have distinguishable pilot boats.

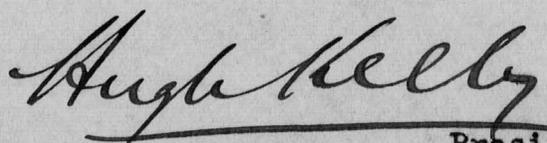
Surely the first two are self-evident to all. The third is equally so to those familiar with shipping.

Hell Gate is approached by navigators with apprehension, because of its tortuous channels, and rapid current, thronged by all kinds of craft, steam and sail, coming and going, singly and in tows.

One object of this measure is to induce Hell Gate pilots, in a healthy competition, to cruise and meet incoming vessels. At present they board them by indistinguishable row-boats from the shore- generally at City Island, the very point where the craft must anchor if they do not attempt Hell Gate.

For the safety of navigation the pilot should not wait until the vessel reaches City Island before boarding her. This measure upon becoming a law will lead to the desired result, with the added incentive of emulation, as the pilot who first offers his services, must be paid by vessels subject to pilotage.

Very Respectfully,

  
President.

← OFFICE OF →

RICHARD F. JENKINS,

✿ FLORIST ✿

664 Eighth Avenue,

New York, May 13 1896

Hon Mayor Wm L. Strong

Many thanks for  
attention to my complaint  
the party must have been  
notified this morning, as  
the case was not just out  
but this afternoon they have  
started in by covering a large  
space with lilacs & other flow-  
ers on the stoop. And only  
yesterday they even had  
a man in front of my  
place. It seems now  
of they defy the law  
as they are very bold.  
At this afternoon be  
there not any way in

RICHARD T. JENKINS  
which I can appeal to the  
police force hoping you will  
attend to this matter at  
once

Respectfully  
Richd T Jenkins

#305 West 142nd. St.,

New York, May 13th. 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to direct your attention to what I do not consider just treatment from the Board of Health. Some six weeks ago I notified them of a certain nuisance which was being committed on my premises, and which has since resulted in one of the members of my family getting severely sick, but the only thing that was done in the matter was to send an Inspector to the premises, who made some kind of a report to his Superiors, and when I again wrote them they simply wrote me that if I could detect the parties at fault they would prosecute them.

I have tried time and again to find out who is at fault, but have been unable to do so, and I now respectfully ask if you will not kindly use your power and have the Board take some steps to stop this most disgraceful nuisance.

I can assure you that anything you may do in the matter will be most heartily appreciated not only by myself but also by other people living in the vicinity.

It would certainly seem to me that a Board, which will take steps to have expectorating, or spitting as it is now called, stopped on the Elevated Railway, and have notices regarding same published, not only in the newspapers, but in the public places named, should certainly take some action in the matter above referred to, which is far more injurious to the health than simply expectorating in an Elevated Ry. Car, and I will thank you to see that something is done before more serious consequences result.

I have been a resident of this part of the City for years and I think that some consideration should be shown me, and also the other taxpayers who are afflicted with this pestilence.

I am sorry to trouble you about this matter, but it seems to be my last resort as I have tried to have it stopped not only through the Board of Health, but also through the police, but both seem to be wholly indifferent as to the serious consequences which may result from this nuisance, and I have therefore taken the liberty of addressing you in order to get some satisfaction which I think is justly due a citizen and a taxpayer.

I might add that this thing is being committed from the house adjoining mine, No. 303, and although I have made repeated com-

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plaint to the owner and agent, they seem to take no action in the matter whatever although they have several times promised to do so.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am Dear Sir,

Very respectfully,

*Albert Schneider*

5<sup>th</sup> dist

From the Board. 3268

"Mayor's Enclosure"

CHECKED

Albert Schneider

305 W. 142<sup>nd</sup> St.

Complaining of nuisance

at 303 W. 142<sup>nd</sup> St.

New York

May 21<sup>st</sup> 1896

Referred to

Acty. Insp. Thompson

for immediate investigation, attention and report

  
Acting Deputy CHIEF OF POLICE.

A. M. May 4/96  
To Mayor Strong  
Honored Sir

Believing you  
are not aware of the manner  
in which the working people  
are duped in the so called  
charitable institution of the  
St Bartholomews Parish  
42<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. At least  
I have been imposed upon  
Enclosed please

find two receipts for situations  
 wanted, the one of Dee for position  
 in an Office the other for dress-  
 making by the day @ \$1.50 per  
 day. When I paid for Dee  
 I was then informed my receipt  
 was good for one Year. But at the  
 end of that Year I never even  
 heard from them I always inquired  
 for work but was always told  
 there was none still. These  
Charitable people kept my  
 money. And one day when I asked  
 them to give me at least something  
 to do say dressmaking at which  
 I am experienced and my hope-  
 ences seemed all right. ~~It was~~

informed I had to pay all over  
 again as the concern was under  
 new management, I did not do  
 so then but on the 21<sup>st</sup>, February  
 I paid again being then in-  
 formed that receipt was only  
 good for 3 months to which  
 I agreed and was told I would  
 be notified just as soon there  
 was work which might be  
 at any hour, but as hours  
 weeks and Months passed with  
 out even a word, I called there  
 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April last  
 and was informed I could  
 get my money back, just  
 as soon as I brought my

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receipt which I did not have  
with me, not being able to call  
before Saturday last. May 1<sup>st</sup>  
I was informed I could not get  
my money as it was overdue but  
in the interval of April the 20<sup>th</sup>  
and May 1 I had written to them  
to return my money and they ans-  
wered me back that as soon as  
I brought my receipt of Feb 2, the  
money would be refunded.

Knowing you to be an  
Honorable Mayor and believing  
you would not sanction such  
proceedings against the working  
class, is there no redress from  
such corporations? And can  
I recover my money?

When I asked the Superin-  
tendent on Saturday last to ex-

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plain his actions, And when  
he saw no way of crawling out  
of his disgracefull actions  
he asked me why I did not  
come down every day and  
wait for work, As I live  
in Harlem I would have  
my car fare and time to  
risk in order to get one  
days work. An outrageous  
proposition And one which  
no other institution would  
dare to suggest, I had

Registered at the Christian  
Association, and found their  
transactions perfectly honorable  
but never before has a dress-  
maker been asked to wait <sup>in</sup> an  
office for a days work.

Kindly return receipts to  
me at your earliest convenience  
And I would kindly ask  
to withhold my name ~~publicly~~  
As I should very much like to  
have my money returned as I  
need the same but would not  
like any publicity in the matter  
I would sooner lose it.

Hoping you gave this  
your attention so as they will

be unable to fleece some more  
victims.

I Am Yours Very Respectfully

Miss M. Kohler  
162 E. 118<sup>th</sup>

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.



United States of America



THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Hon Mayor Strong  
City Hall  
City

N. Y. May 13/96

Honored Sir

Some time ago I sent you two receipts which I received from St Bartholomews Parish. asking you to intercede in my behalf also a Stamp to return the same to me. will you have the kindness to return the same to me.

And Oblige

Yours Respectfully

Wife M. Kohler

162. E. 118<sup>th</sup> St

NILES & JOHNSON.  
WM. W. NILES, JR.,  
HENRY B. JOHNSON.  
WM. W. NILES,  
OF COUNSEL.  
TELEPHONE No. 2152 CORTLANDT.

11 WALL STREET,  
ROOMS 44, 45, 46, 47.

NEW YORK, May 13, 1896. 189

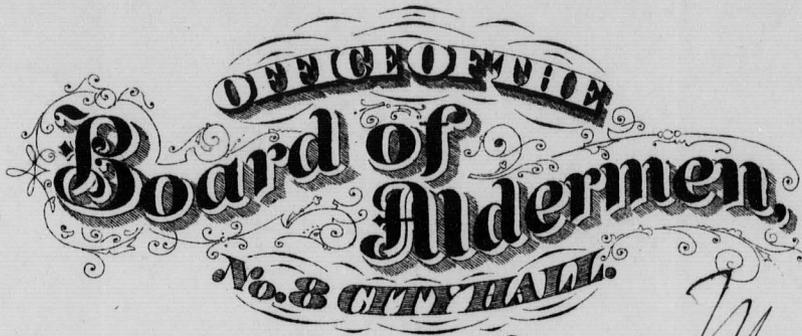
Col. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, etc.

My dear Sir:-

I have had called to my attention Assembly Bill No. 1322, introduced by Mr. French, amending the law regarding the acquisition of sites for school buildings, the chief amendment being, as I understand it, to put a time limit to the period within which commissioners of estimate shall complete their work.

The amendment seems to me an eminently proper one. I have had come to my personal notice at least two cases in which there was excessive and unnecessary delay on the part of commissioners appointed to acquire school sites, and where it was almost impossible to escape the conviction that the only reason for the delay was to increase the fees of the commissioners. In one case that I know of, where the property taken belonged to only six different owners and their titles all came through the same grantor, and only one lot was improved, the commissioners sat for nearly one year taking evidence and making their report. Anything that tends to terminate such a scandalous condition of affairs should, it seems to me, receive your approval. Where the title is complicated and the work could not be done within five months, the bill provides for an extension of time on application to the Court, so that, so far as I can see, no evil would result from fixing a definite term within which the commissioners should act, as the time can be extended in every proper case. I trust your Honor will approve the bill.

*Yours very truly*  
*W. W. Niles Jr.*



New York, May 13 1896

My dear Mayor. Legislative bill calling for tunnel or archway under Aqueduct at Burnside St. is heartily approved by my constituents.

The late, Hugh T. Camp was a warm supporter of the measure.

It is a necessary work and I respectfully urge that you approve it.

Sincerely

Rufus Randall

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

City Hall

N.Y.C.

New York Retail Grocers' Union,

General Offices,

Retail Grocers' Hall, 138 & 140 East 57th Street,

Office of the Secretary, 211 W. 41st.

New York, May 14 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong:

Mayor, New York City

Dear Sir,

Our Committee will call on you on Friday  
May 15 at 2<sup>30</sup> p.m. Any endeavor to obtain  
a hearing on the subject submitted some time  
ago. Our committee was informed  
upon receipt of your last letter that  
your Honor's time would be taken up  
for nearly 2 weeks on Legislative matters  
and thus deferred their visit.

Trusting you will grant them an interview  
I am

Respectfully Yours

N. F. Henry Sturcke  
Secy -

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West Side Taxpayers' Association,

Co  
267 WEST 34<sup>th</sup> STREET,

New York, May 14<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. W. L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Sir:

The above association kindly requests you, to help them, to abate the nuisances which have of late become almost unbearable to wit: The pasting of bills on ash cans and fences, and the ball playing in the streets. As to the latter, our members have repeatedly had occasion, to witness bodily injuries to pedestrians and children, not to speak of the damages done to house owners by broken windows etc.

A request on your part to the Police Commissioners, to stop such nuisances, will do more good and bring about a speedier result, than all the complaints made by our association to the various Police precinct commanders.

Respectfully

Gustav Scholer M.D.  
Presdt.

E. Kuzli  
Sec'y



JAMES C. CARTER.  
LEWIS CASS LEDYARD.  
GEORGE H. BALKAM  
EDMUND L. BAYLIES.  
GEORGE A. MILLER.

CARTER & LEDYARD,  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
54 WALL STREET.

NEW YORK May 14<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon Mr L. Strong -

Mayer -

Dear Sir :-

I respectfully urge that the matter  
of 181<sup>st</sup> Street which has been pending before  
the Board of Street Openings since last  
August may be taken up and disposed of  
at the next meeting of the Board, or else  
that a time may be then fixed for a  
hearing.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours &c

George A. Miller

# Volunteer Life-Saving Corps of New York Inland Waters.

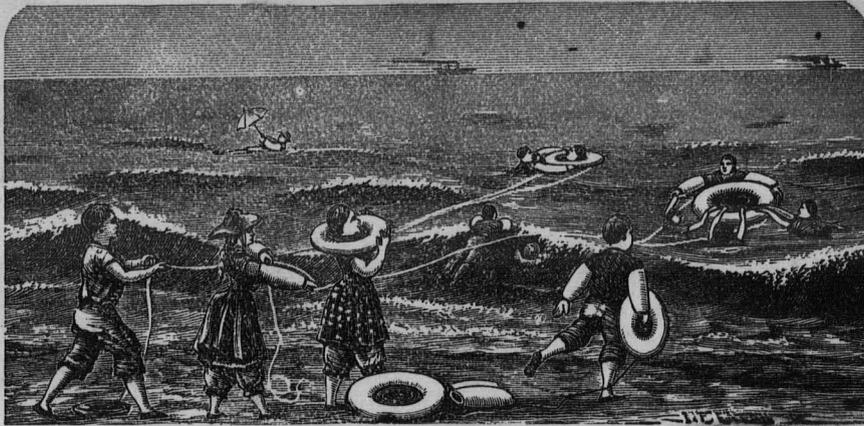
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OFFICES: WORLD BUILDING, N. Y. CITY;  
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*World Building, N.Y.,*

May 14th

1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The Life Saving Service at Hellgate was last year so successful in saving life, that we respectfully urge upon the City authorities that the service be continued this year, and that the same men who proved so efficient last year be appointed for this season of 1896.

Very respectfully,

*J. Bloom 526 E 86*  
*Brinkard Schepp 1686 Ave A*  
*Val. Elresser 1685 Ave A*  
*A. Siske 1674 Ave A*  
*W. Morgan 1690 Ave A*  
*Thos J. Linn 542 E 86 St*

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*John Kenny 540 E 86 St*  
*John Reilly 1620 Ave A*  
*E. J. Pines 543 E 85 St*  
*Harry Buschman 543 E 85 St*  
*Benjamin Jehual 530 E 85 St*  
*John Rudolph 1610 Ave A*  
*Michael J. Shiel 536 E 85 St*  
*Otto Klein 511 E 85 St*  
*Opp & Walsh 532 E 85 St*

A. Sicks. 1674 Ave A.  
H. Morgan 1690 Ave A.

~~Thos. Connor 542 E 86th~~

John Kenney 540 E 86th  
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Henry Weinken 1610 Ave A

Jos Hagelschmidt 519 E 85th

H. H. Hood 542 E 85th

Mrs. Capper 533 E 84th St.

Chas. Trudel 1602 Ave A

M. Dunn 418 E 89th

D. J. Sullivan 386 E 83rd

James Dempsey 343 E 83rd

Geor Bennett 535 E 88th

H. W. Drenin 521 E 85th

Chas. Coker 535 E 85th

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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION,  
ALBANY.

Synopsis of work performed by Board  
of Health and Volunteer Life Saving Corps  
during the summer of 1895

Hell Gate { Seelig } Life Savers  
                  { Ryan }

June 17	Rescued Arthur Kearu 8 yrs. 214 85" st. playing
June 18	" John Burns, fell from stone boat, intoxicated
June 18	" James Winslow drowned, impossible to locate
June 18	" Jos. McGarricle, 9 yrs. 350 E. 91. st. playing
June 18	" Chas. Meyer 8 yrs. 349 E. 92 " "
June 28	" Louis Cassell 7 yrs. fall from bulkhead
July 30	" James Carroll and William Devine, capsized
July 8	" Robert Hatcheson, 9 yrs. 405 E. 87" st. playing
Aug. 1.	" Annie Schultz 4 yrs. 1666 Ave. A. "
Aug. 1.	" Alfred Marron, Henry Kanimel and John Butler, capsized in Cat boat "Mamie, W."
Aug. 12	" Freeman Baster and John Reed fall overboard
" 12	" Joseph Carroll and one other boy. boat swamped
" 12	" James Donohue 8 yrs. fell into water
" 12	" John Carroll 14 yrs. capsized in row boat
Sept. 21	" George Lally 7 yrs. fell into water, playing
Sept 22	" George J. Kelley 550 E. 86" Cramps, swimming

Males 20                      Females 1

Total 21

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Synopsis of work performed by Board  
of Health and Volunteer Life Saving Corps  
during months of July and August 1896  
Hell Gate.

- May 17 Jacob Seelig picked up three bodies, missing since May 8, and Wm. Stry 7 yrs. 419 - 81" st.
- May 31 Rescued two boys in row boat, struck by yacht.
- June 21 Rescued Rudolph Jausch, 1632 2<sup>d</sup> Av.
- June 29 Rescued Grace and Fred Males, 315 E. 88" st.
- July 5 Rescued Mary Morony 5 yrs. 427 E. 86" st.
- July 25 Harry Daniels & Jacob Seelig rescued Adolph Gorch 5 years, rolled off wharf
- July 26 Three persons capsize off Hell Gate, Millrock. Rescued by Jacob Seelig, Daniel Ryan, Peter C. Teckney and Harry Reed.
- July 31 Hans Sagnis and Charles Stallman rescued from water, logged boat by Seelig and Ryan

Cinder Beds.

Hudson River. 138" st. to 158" st.

- July 5 Frank A. Koch rescued by from capsized canoe
- July 7 " " " " seized with cramps
- July 11 " " " two boys fall from raft.
- July 19 " " " boy, Thomas Jones of Harlem
- July 20 Rescued A. M. Mayer, taken with hemorrhage in water

- July 21 Frank A. Koch and A.B. Towan rescued a Mr. Smith, taken with cramps
- July 21 John Haddock taken with cramps, rescued by Koch, Stafford and Schriumpf
- July 21 Same rescued drowning woman, refused name.
- July 25 Young lady rescued
- July 26 Rescued Edward Staura, Cramps in legs
- July 28 Rescued boy by name McGuire 138<sup>th</sup> St & 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
"Sheltering Arms Home"
- July 30 A Mr. Rickett, boat upset, rescued foot 135<sup>th</sup> St.

### Corlears Hook Station

- July 21 Lieut Coakley found drowned body of man
- July 4 Rescued Quinn 32 years, fell from sloop
- July 14 " Christopher Burge, Caught in current
- July 24 " William Kennedy 34 years, fell from pier
- July 30 " Frank Steffony 23 yrs. fell from bulkhead
- August 1 " Jim Gibney 20 yrs. fell from boat.

Cinder Beds, Frank A. Koch in

charge

- Aug. 1 Rescued Miss Goodwine, exhausted while swimming  
 Aug. 2 " man struck by diver. refused name  
 Aug. 3 " Jake Repinsky of St. Louis, taken with cramps  
 Aug. 4 " B. Hilman 8 E. 133<sup>rd</sup> St. " " "  
 Aug. 5 " J. McVaen 499 W. 125<sup>th</sup> " " "  
 Aug. 6 " W<sup>m</sup> Wolf 223 W. 125<sup>th</sup> " Carried by tide  
 Aug. 10 " Dr. Allen, Gouverneur Hospital sinking last time  
 Aug. 15 " Clark Cummons Orange N.J. " " "  
 Aug. 16 " Boy who got in deep water. refused name  
 Aug. 18 " Lady, taken with cramps  
 Aug. 20 " E. Dandorf 435 W. 39 taken sick in water  
 Aug. 22 " Man taken with cramps.  
 Aug. 25 " Man and woman, refused names  
 Aug. 27 " Man, woman & child  
 Aug. 28 " Gill Lowenstein 41 Essex St.  
 Aug. 28 " Woman, fell from dock, name refused  
 Aug. 29 " Man, injured while diving  
 Aug. 30 " picked up empty row boat.

Hell Gate Station { Seelig } Life Savers  
 Ryan

- Aug. 1 Rescued George Mayas 9 yrs. fell in foot E. 88<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Aug. 25 " Charles Schoil 1571 Mont Av. fell from  
 embankment foot of 87<sup>th</sup> St.

Coopers Hook Station Coakley

- Aug. 13 Rescued Andrew Doyle 367 Madison St and Thos.  
 Booms Capsized in row boat.

Resumé  
Rescued Cinder Beds  
Male 24      Female 7

Hill Gate  
Male 10      Female 1  
Sex not given 6

Coopers Hook  
Male 8      Female 0

Sheltering Arms  
Male 1

Total 57      54



NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

New York, N. Y., May 15<sup>th</sup> 1896

To the Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

upon behalf of the New York Zoological Society -

I write to ask you to appoint a day when  
the representatives of the Society can present to  
yourself, and to the Commissioners of the Landings  
and the subject of the location of the

Zoological Park -

The matter has now been studied with great  
care for nearly a year past and we are



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now prepared to present the matter  
to the authorities. As soon as it is con-  
venient to you.

Yours, dear Sir.

Very respectfully yours,

Henry J. Osborn

Chairman of the Executive  
Committee: New York  
Zoological Society.

Address No. 32 Park Avenue.

EAST RIVER GAS COMPANY

OF LONG ISLAND CITY,  
NO. 32 NASSAU STREET.

Mutual Life Building,  
Room 906.

New York, May 15th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Dear Sir,-

I beg to call to your attention for such action as may be proper the following situation in regard to negotiations which the East River Gas Company has had with the Commissioners of Charities and the Commissioner of Correction for the supply of gas to all the buildings and lamps now on Blackwell's Island.

The East River Gas Company is so situated by reason of its tunnel as to be able to give a good and adequate supply of gas of first rate quality to these buildings and some time since entered into negotiations with the former Board of Charities and Correction for a contract to furnish this supply. These negotiations continued until finally the present Board of Charities and the Company agreed upon a basis acceptable to both parties for the lighting of these buildings and a contract was drawn by the Corporation Counsel and finally executed by the Commissioners of Charities and the Company. The Company at that time as well as the Board of Commissioners acted upon the supposition and impression that the matter lay within

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the jurisdiction of that Board, and upon the signing of the contract the Company expended about \$2,000 and performed a great deal of work involving the boring of a hole on Blackwell's Island, 150 feet deep, so as to make the proper connections with the tunnel so as to furnish gas at a moment's notice. As, however, under the division of the jurisdiction and duties between the Commissioners of Charities and the Commissioner of Correction, under the Statute separating the Departments, the matter of making and supplying gas to all the institutions on the Island is put in the charge of the Commissioner of Correction, the Company upon discovering the apparent error of the position it had acted upon, began negotiations with the Commissioner of Correction to supply him with its gas to be furnished by him to the various institutions.

The Gas Company now understands that the Commissioner of Correction defers to your Honor's judgement and decision in this matter as to whether he shall supply these institutions for any period with gas purchased under contract from this Company.

The gist of the proposed contract with the Commissioners of Charities was that the Company should supply the gas through separate

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meters at different points on the mains already laid at the rate of 92 1/2 cents per thousand cubic feet. The Company would be glad to make a contract with the proper authority upon this basis or to supply gas to the gas holder on the island at 85 cents per thousand cubic feet.

We believe that the quality and quantity of the gas supplied under the present system to the buildings used by the Board of Charities has been the source of great annoyance and complaint and that the plant is entirely insufficient to give gas to these buildings adequate either in amount or lighting power.

In regard to the institutions under charge of the Commissioner of Correction as for example prisons, we believe that the amount of light required in those buildings can be obtained by the consumption of much less of the gas of this Company than that now furnished. The Company guarantees to furnish gas of twenty-six candle power and we believe the cost to the City will not be in excess of the present arrangement.

It has been suggested that the Company be allowed a trial of thirty days in supplying gas to all these institutions on the island upon the basis of the agreement as made with the Commissioners of

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Charities. The Commissioner of correction has informed us that he has no objection to such an arrangement if your Honor will advise it.

Trusting that your Honor will deem it proper to advise this thirty day trial, I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

*G. H. Haver*  
Secretary.

Waste

Harlem New York City

To Hon William L. Strong  
Mayor  
New York City

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New York City

Dear Sir

I mail you to  
request a great favor  
which will not only  
benefit the American  
Residence of Harlem but  
will greatly benefit  
your humble parishioners  
The "Italians" whom  
reside in Harlem  
Every time they turn out  
to "Prade" The make such

"A noise by their Fire  
works from Morning  
to night" It almost  
sets one out of their  
mind" They will have  
a "Trade" from about  
the 13 to 16 of July  
and from said date  
one cannot sleep and  
are in danger of their  
"lives"

The firing off of  
crackers and other  
fire arms is something  
terrible. If they are to  
celebrate on they days  
what not put a

stop to the Italians  
use firearms It is  
not only dangerous  
but hurtful to ones  
brains. If the Italians  
are allowed to continue  
I expect to see them  
own New York city as  
they are allowed more  
privileges than our  
American. I must say  
I have the misfortune  
of being the owner of  
property where these  
Italians live my mother  
is an invalid and in  
effect her head she

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Being 73 years of age

I request you as  
the Mayor of New York  
to kindly put a stop  
to these Italians using  
Firearms, ~~of~~ on  
any Occasion." And

Especially "The day they  
Trade"

I Am American  
and cannot stand

the "Nose" They are  
a Nuisance to our  
Country." I only wish

the Park would come  
as soon as possible  
as my Property is on

P.S

This letter is Personal

Respect.

Mrs. R. M. Johnson

408. E. 114. St

bet. 1<sup>st</sup> ave. & Pleasant ave

The cities

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of York. I am sick  
and tired of living  
among such filthy  
people. They think they  
own the Earth.

I only claim my  
rights as an  
American  
of old stock  
do not  
make this letter  
public as they may  
do me bodily harm  
they are dangerous people

Pardon me for  
monopolizing your valuable  
time  
Respect. yours  
R. M. Johnson

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1906.  
Hon. Wm. J. Strout  
Esteemed & Respected Sir:

I have notified  
Pres. Theo. Roosevelt also the 13<sup>th</sup>  
Precinct Police Station of the  
existence of a policy shop  
at 278 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St about a  
dozen times, and there  
seems to be no headway  
made to abolish this  
place where a felony  
is committed. It is the  
ruination of my children's  
home, and other people's

homes the children I can  
see them even now as I  
am writing this letter  
running in and getting  
policy slips for the  
men who stand in  
front of the saloon.

I hope that you will  
do your best, as I know  
you would not like  
to have your children  
& home ruined by  
Policy sharks & please  
call ~~for~~ this place and  
close it up An appeal  
from

An American Citizen

P.S. Policy Shop #278 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St