

MAYOR'S OFFICE

COMPLAINT No. 379

Penn. Pa.

July 1st 1895.

To the Mayor of
New York.

Dear Sir, can
You inform me, whether
Peter and Jake G. Hame,
when last heard from was
in the liquor business
are still residents of your
City if so, please forward
their address. This inquiry
is made in the interest
of an orphaned. nephew.
Please answer
and oblige

over.

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Mr. Edward B. Ryan,
Garnegie
Alle. Co. Penna
Lock Box, 1016.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 9, 1895.

Copy.

Peter Conlin,
Acting Chief of Police:

Sir:

Referring to the annexed communication from Edward B. Ryan, Carnocio, Pa., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, requesting information as to the address of Peter and Jake Chame, liquor dealers, I would report that the New York City directories for the past twenty years have been examined and the name of "Chame" is not mentioned in any of them, and we are unable to obtain any information relative to them.

Respectfully,

John J. Harley,

Sergeant, Bureau of Information.

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G. W. Stanford
Linen*

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 10, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward you enclosed copy of report relative to inquiry by Edward B. Ryan, sent to the Board in yours of the 2d inst.

Very respectfully,

Wm. J. Ryan

Chief Clerk.

I enclose herewith original communication. Copy of report has been sent to Mr. Ryan.

LOUIS WOLF & Co.,

104-106 Pearl Street, Boston, Mass.

IMPORTERS OF

❖ Dolls, Albums and China, ❖

EUROPEAN NOVELTIES A SPECIALTY.

15 WASHINGTON PLACE,

New York, June 24 1897

To Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir.

Last Thursday, my son, aged nine years, fell down the sunken
 lots, (through not having a fence inclosing the same) in E. 148th St
 S. S. between Bergen + Brook Ave. the depth of same about 15 ft. &
 no protection or guard rail to keep pedestrians from falling
 down the same. As I am not one of the kind to make
 capital out of injury. I earnestly beseech your honor to inform
 proper officials to see that these dangerous lots are provided
 with a fence or guard of some kind to keep others from
 injury + expense of doctors + worry, as in my case by
 having those that are near + dear to them brought home
 unconscious + bruised through gross carelessness of owners
 of these lots.

Trusting that your honor will see the justice of
 my request + petition, I am
 Very Truly Yours

Robt. Ficker

 796 E-148th St
 New York.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

Copy.

July 10, 1895.

John McCullagh,
Acting Inspector:

Sir:

In answer to enclosed communication signed Robert Ficker, of 796 East 148th street, and addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, relative to the dangerous condition of sunken lots on south side of 148th st. between Bergen and Brook avenues, and by you referred to me for attention and report, I would state that during the past year I have made numerous complaints of the dangerous condition of sunken lots within this precinct. A special report was made September 9, 1894, and April 21st, 1895, of the lot mentioned in enclosed complaint. About 75 per cent. of all these dangerous places complained of by me have been fenced or a guard rail placed around them by the Department of Street Improvements. Upon receipt of your order I interviewed Mr. Haffen, Commissioner of Street Improvements, relative to the matter. He informed me that the reason that these lots were not all fenced was that the appropriation for such work was expended, that he had made application for an additional appropriation, and as soon as that was granted he would continue the work. He also stated that he would give the lot complained of special attention and have it fenced immediately.

Respectfully,

Timothy J. Croccon,
Captain 33d precinct.

A. E. GRAHAM.

W. C. ALEXANDER.

GROVE CITY BANKING CO.

Grove City, Pa., June 26, 1895

Mayor Strong Cashier, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

N.Y. City

I enclose for a letter
to Chief of Police asking
his assistance in locating
a bad forger wanted
here on numerous charges
Kindly assist in this
matter and much
oblige

Respectfully Yours,

A. E. Graham, Cashier.

A S Graham
cashier Amm City Bldg Co
Pa

Relation to one J. M. Coy
wanted for money

July 1795

Refused to let
Geo M. Clarke for
unlimited attention
+ expense

Peter Foreman
Am City Bldg Co

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

Copy.

July 10, 1895.

Peter Conlin,
Acting Chief of Police:

Sir:

In relation to letter of A. E. Graham, cashier Grove City Banking Co., I have to report that J. E. McCoy, alias Worth McCoy is now under arrest by Detective John J. O'Brien, of this command, and was on the 9th inst. committed to the City Prison to wait requisition papers from the authorities at Grove City, Pa., where he is wanted on the charge of forgery.

Respectfully submitted,
George W. McClusky,
Det. Sergt. in Command.

Forgery




 Hon Wm L. Straus,
 Mayor,
 Honored sir

We the undersigned citizens
 of the State of New York humbly beg of you to interest
 interest yourself in our behalf.

In addition to our daily work which
 occupies us from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. and sometimes
 12 p.m. we are compelled to work on Sundays which
 makes our existence an incessant round of toil.
 This Sunday work would be dropped if the merchants
 could unanimously agree in the matter but there
 were and still are three dissenting houses to wit
 #106 Canal St Singer Bros. #96 Canal St J. Goldstein, and #59 Canal St L. Minsky all of
 Canal St.

We therefore in our extremity appeal to you
 and beg you to secure for us a little of the freedom
 which is the national pride

With heartfelt thanks and sincere
 respect we are very humbly obedient servants

Dated N.Y June 27/95

Asher Holtz
 Jake Holtz
 Nathan Horowitz
 M Greenberg
 J Weintraub 104 Canal St

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 10, 1895.

Copy.

Moses W. Cortright,
Acting Inspector:

Sir:

In answer to enclosed communication referred to me for investigation and report, I herewith submit the following:

Jacob Rosenberg, a clerk, at 96 Canal street; Ike Greenberg, a clerk at 106 Canal street, and Nathan Harowitz, a clerk at 104 Canal street, were arrested July 7 for violation of the Sunday law, and were each held in \$100.00 to answer by City Magistrate Simms. There were several other arrests made for violation of the Sunday law by members of my command at other places in this precinct; 59 Canal street was closed up on Sunday, July 7. I have instructed the members of my command to be very vigilant in enforcing the Sunday law as well as all other laws.

Respectfully,

Michael Sheehan,

Sergeant in Command 11th prec.

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*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

July 12, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

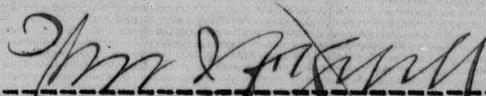
I am directed by the Board of Police to forward enclosures to you as follows:

In reply to yours of 25th^{ult.} complaint of Robert Ficker, (copy of report also sent to complainant.)

Yours of 28th ult., complaint of Asher Holtz and others (copy enclosed to J. Weintraub, 104 Canal st.)

Yours of 28th ult., Communication of A. Swan Brown, (original report sent you, and letter of Mr. Brown placed on file with the officer's record.) Communication of A. E. Graham, (copy of report sent to Mr. Graham, of Grove City).

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

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*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 15, 1895.

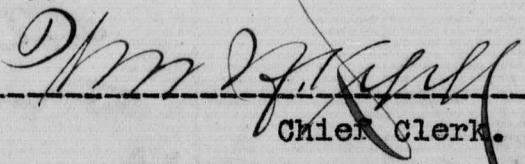
Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward you enclosed copy of report as requested in yours of 27th ult., relative to complaint of Mrs. M. Clinton as to telegraph and telephone wires. Copy also sent to complainant.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

W.M. F. BRANDT,
54 GREENWICH AVE.,
Opp. Ferry St., New York.
TELEPHONE CALL, 1540 N.

54 Greenwich Ave
City

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June 19, 1905

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To the Hon W. L. Strong
Mayor of N.Y. City

Dear Sir:

is there no way of
abating nuisance caused
by the 7th Ave R. R. Co. the
nuisance I complain of is the
stabling and watering of Horses
of said R. R. Co. opposite my
place of Business 54 Greenwich Ave
it is a relay station on the public
st and the noise and nuisance
caused by the same is very
detrimental to health and
Business I have complained
to the Board of Health, but
there has nothing been done in
the matter I believe. The

nuisance in in front of premises
49 + 51 Greenwich Ave. the
privilege has been given by said
occupants. for a money consideration
to the R. R. Co. the adjacent
Houses are furnished Room. Houses
number 49 is a very questionable Home
not particular who occupy the
Rooms. the occupants being mostly
females. if you Honor would
kindly give the matter your
consideration you would confer
a great favor on the entire
neighbors with the exception of
49 + 51. another thing. the Ave
is very narrow. and occupied by
Tenements for living. purpose. a very
unfit place for stabling and watering
of Horses. especially at night.

I am very respectfully

H. F. Brandt



*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 13, 1895.

Copy.

Nicholas Brooks,
Acting Inspector:

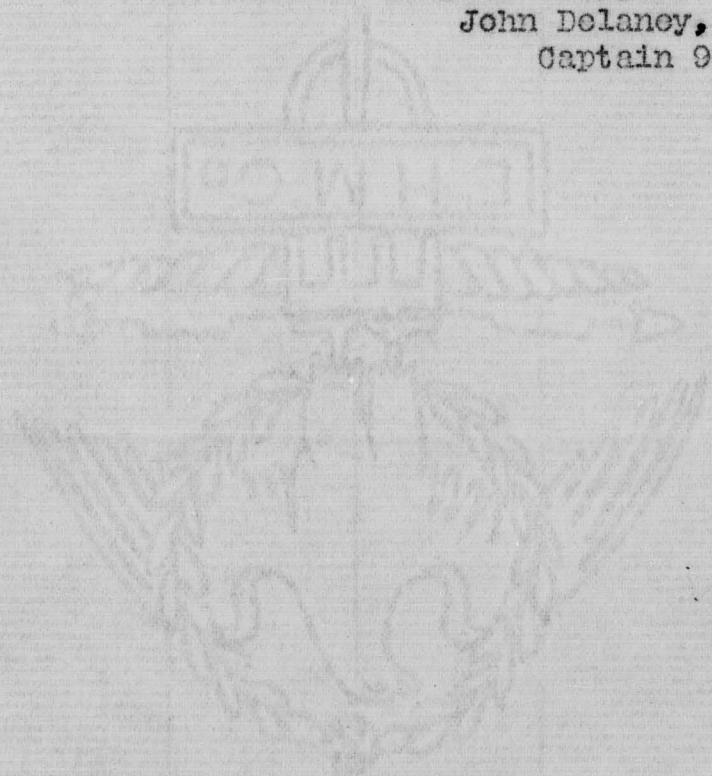
Sir:

In reply to the annexed complaint the following is submitted:

The annoyance or nuisance complained of has been discontinued since the 1st inst., but should any attempt be made to resume the same I shall take proper methods to abate it.

Respectfully,

John Delaney,
Captain 9th precinct.



June 29th 1895.

W. L. Strong Esq. Mayor.

Dear Sir,

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I desire to call your attention to the fact that on Wednesday June 25th the exit from the American Roof Garden leading into 42nd St. was closed and locked at the end.

In case of fire this condition of things would cause a great loss of life

Respectfully

W. L. Mooney

18 West 159th St.

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*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

July 22, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward you enclosed copies of reports relative to complaints made to you by W. L. Mooney and William F. Brandt, the complaint of the latter having been sent to this Department by the Board of Health, and a copy of report forwarded to complainant.

Very respectfully,

Wm. J. Kelly

Chief Clerk.

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*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 1895.

Copy.

Peter Conlin,
Acting Chief of Police:

Sir:

In compliance with your order to investigate and report upon attached letter of complaint relative to the exits of the American Theater Roof Garden I herewith submit the following report:

I personally visited the American Theater and Roof Garden of same and find that the law is complied with.

Respectfully,

Francis J. Kear,

Sergeant in Command 20th precinct.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

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COMPLAINT

July 11th 1895

Sir - I am compelled
once again to complain
about the vacant lots
adjoining our house.
Something must be
done and at once
as we are pestered
more than ever by
a gang of fellows
who gather there
and gamble all day
Sundays particularly
pitching dice &
using the worst
kind of language

The place is a regular nuisance to all the neighbors in both streets from 138th to 139th sts. Policemen are of no account - as they keep one fellow on guard watching for the first one of whom may happen to come along. About 2 of them can be seen doing all sorts of things and it was only seen one of them goes to some clothes hanging in yard.

I know is there any more or not? if so

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please to have it done at once or we will have to take other means, as we have complained 3 times and nothing done about. the Lots must be fenced in and that will settle it. Yours - respectfully

Alex. Christie
706. E. 139th St.
city

2. doz. or more
seen any day
vile tricks
2 nights ago we
helped themselves
which were
now I want to
protection for

please to have it done at once or we will have to take other means, as we have complained 3 times and nothing done about. the pots must be fenced in and that will settle it. Yours - respectfully

Alex. Christie
706. E. 139th St.
City

2. doz. or more of them can be seen any day, doing all sorts of vile tricks and it was only 2 nights ago when one of them helped themselves to some clothes which were hanging in yard. now I want to know is there any protection for us or not? if so

The place is a regular nuisance to all the neighbors in both streets from 138th to 139th Sts. Policemen are of no account - as they keep one fellow on guard watching for the first one who may happen to come along. about

Stands

July 13/95

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To the board of Alderman.

Dear Sir,

I would like to inform you that I keep a confectionery store at 2303-8-Ave Bet 123 & 124 St. I pay forty dollars rent.

There are two Italian stores at 124 St at first they used to be only one but a new one started each one keeping candy so I don't sell nothing.

I am a poor woman trying to make a living but can't. Beside where I am is a poor place, but if the Italian would not keep candy I would try and get along.

Please do something for me if

You can and God Bless you.

Oblige Mrs Brady

2303-8-Ave.

123 x 124 St.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 21, 1895.

Copy.

John McCullagh,
Acting Inspector:
Sir:

I herewith report that careful investigation has been made relative to the enclosed complaint of Mrs. Brady, of No. 2303 Eighth avenue, and I find that the Italians who keep the stands referred to have ceased to deal in candy of any kind and will hereafter confine their business to selling fruit only.

The complainant having been seen was fully satisfied and expressed great gratification for the interest taken in her behalf.

Respectfully,
William Thompson,
Captain 30th Precinct.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 23, 1895.

Copy.

John McGullagh,
Acting Inspector:
Sir:

In compliance with your directions relative to the enclosed communication from Alexander Chrystie, of No. 706 East 139th street, concerning alleged nuisance in vacant lots adjoining his residence, I respectfully report that I have taken the necessary measures to prevent a continuance of the nuisance complained of, by directing officers of my command to visit the place regularly and prevent boys congregating there. I have also interviewed Mr. Haffen, Commissioner of the Department of Street Improvement, relative to the matter, and he has promised to have the lots fenced immediately.

Respectfully,

Timothy J. Creeden,
Captain 33d Precinct.

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*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 24, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

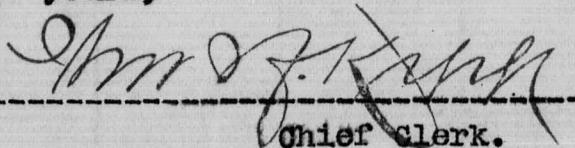
Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward you enclosed copies of reports relative to complaints sent to this Department by you, as follows:

In yours of 13th inst., complaint of Alexander Christie.

In yours of 15th inst., complaint of Mrs. Brady.

Respectfully yours,



Chief Clerk.

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*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 20, 1895.

Copy.

Nicholas Brooks,
Acting Inspector:

Sir:

In answer to annexed communication relative to carpet being shaken in West 18th street I respectfully report that I detailed Patrolman Thomas J. Carter, of my command, to investigate within complaint, and he reports that about a week ago the parties living in No. 27 West 18th street did shake a stair carpet in the back yard, not knowing it was a violation of law, but have now been notified of the ordinance and will not let this occur again. The other houses mentioned are vacant.

Respectfully,
Patrick H. Pickett,
Captain 19th Precinct.

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*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

July 26, 1895.

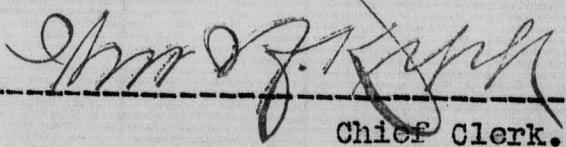
Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward you enclosed copy of report relative to complaint of E. Scott Dixon concerning carpet beating in back yards of houses on West 18th street. Copy has also been sent complainant, as requested.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.



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July 26th. 1895.

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

My dear Mayor Strong:-

The enclosed letter from Congressman Boutelle explains itself. What he wants you to do is to honor his request; opposite to it I have made a mark with a blue pencil.

Boutelle is a fine fellow, and I wish much you would give him that letter to the Lord Mayor (what in ~~the~~ heaven he wants to do with it, I do not know); but give it to him if you can, any way. I have written him the letters to the Chiefs of Police at London and Paris.

Very sincerely yours,

Theodore Roosevelt

very soon to give my three
daughters their first sight
of the old world, and it has
occurred to me, that if
you should be disposed to
send me some kind of good-
natured letter of introduction
to the head of the London or
Paris force. I might possibly
find opportunity to use it
for myself in some way
that would be of interest.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

J. A. Duntley.

M^r Theodore Roosevelt.

P.S. I thought of writing
to Mayor Strong for a
letter of introduction
to the Lord Mayor, of London,
but feared my letter would
get lost in his mail bag,
So if you have opportunity
you might make the request
of him for me. The Mayor
knows me slightly and
what he don't know you
can tell him.

Sincerely,

C. A. B.

59 Broadway

Bangor, Maine

Aug. 4. 95.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, New York.

My dear Mayor Strong:

Please accept my
most sincere thanks for your
very cordial and complimentary
and letter of introduction to
the Lord Mayor of London.

I shall take great pleasure
in presenting such a message
from the Chief Magistrate of
the Metropolis of the New World
to the chief officer of the
Empire of the Old World.

and sending to you all good
wishes for full success in
the great work you have
undertaken I am,

Most Sincerely Yours

C. A. Boutwell

P.S. I am delighted
by the appointment
of that prince of good
men, Asa G. M. Cook
as Chamberlain.

C. A. B.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 29, 1895.

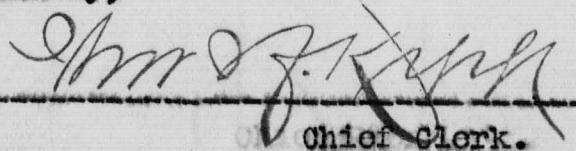
Hon. John Jeroloman,

Acting Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say relative to yours of the 19th inst., enclosing complaint of Mrs. Brady, 2303 Eighth ave., that a similar complaint was forwarded to this Department, appropriate action was taken upon the same, and Mrs. Brady has expressed herself as satisfied.

Very respectfully,


Chief Clerk.

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"Benton P. S."

W
Culpeper County Va.

3654

July 23rd 1915.

"Mayor Strong"
Sir.

On yesterday in
perusing "New York World", discovered your
name. Please, do not deem, a needy
deserted widow, intruder in asking
aid, to the "whereabouts" of Frank J.
Thompson, who has been a resident
of New York City, for many long years.
For the past ten, no "tidings" has rea-
ched me. In '85, he was manager, of
"Fertilizer Gardens" - Was born, in
"Culpeper County 18 27 - 9", and his

first "cousin" & recently, left a "widow" (with a small, dependent "family") and "invalid", consequently, unable to "work". Any assistance, coming from my my beloved cousin, Frank J. Thompson, will be, most gratefully accepted - For suffering, humanity's sake, if possible, "seek" & deliver, this letter to him - & may kind "heaven", bless you, for any interest you make to be, in a total "stranger" - I've some few old "fads", residing in your "city"; but am ignorant, of their "at's"; Mrs. Dr. Powell, is one of them, "we" were true friends in our "girlhood" - I, am, the "granddaughter", of "Col. Jameson", of Revolutionary fame - "Banker Jameson" (who committed suicide 2 years ago) was a 3rd "cousin

of mine; he, left a widow & three "sons" - perhaps, a "brother" & if he is living, might help me, in my great "destitution" - Would, that I could get "information", concerning the "Jameson's" - Pardon, this lengthy ^{letter} which is tiresome - w^os, the kindness, of giving a "response" quickly; as I'll wait, with nervous suspense - I, am nearly 70 -

Address - "Mrs. Mary, Eliza, Furb":
"Boston P O"
"Alpeper County -

"Virginia"

At: "W. B. Hunt":

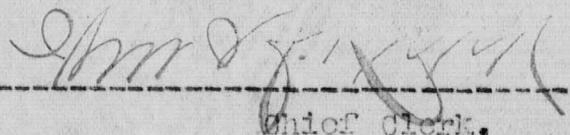
*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* August 2, 1895.

Mrs. Mary E. Fant,
Boston P. O.,
Gulpepper Co., Va.:

Madam:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to your letter of inquiry of July 23d, 1895, addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, that Sergeant John J. Harley, of the Police Bureau of Information reports as follows: "No such person as Frank J. Thompson has ever been connected with the menagerie in Central Park (the only one in this city). Neither does the name appear in the City Directory of 1885 or of the present year. There is a Mrs. Dr. Seneca D. Powell residing at No. 12 West 40th st., this city, but she is in the country and will not be back in town until September, so we cannot ascertain whether she is the one referred to. Inquiry has been made of different business men named Jameson and Jamieson without success, and at the office of Drexel, Morgan & Co. we were informed that the only banker Jameson they know of is or was in business in Philadelphia, Pa., and the Directory of that city contains the name of B. K. Jamison, Jr., 104 So. 5th street, Philadelphia, Pa."

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

G. C. CURRIER,
PRESIDENT.

P. McDOWELL,
VICE-PRESIDENT.

GEO. STARK,
SECY & TREAS.

HARLEM RIVER LUMBER & WOOD WORKING CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF

MANTELS, SASH, DOORS, BLINDS AND HOUSE TRIM,

GERARD AVENUE AND EAST 138TH STREET.

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"HARLEM 636,"
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.

NEW YORK, July 23rd 1895.

Mayor Strong
Sir.

On November 28th 1894 we wrote to the Bureau of Embarcades of this city calling attention to the condition of West Avenue South of 138th St. In that communication we showed a sketch of the thoroughfare as it was at all hours night and day. From the fact that there is only one fire hydrant in this neighborhood and that surrounded by encumbrances and the thoroughfare so densely blocked with lumber, it would be impossible for the fire engines even to get access through the street. We again protest to the city authorities that they are neglecting their duty and that in the event of fire we will hold the city liable for damage on account of any delay in operating the fire connections.

In this neighborhood there are many million feet of lumber stored and you will therefore see the necessity of immediate attention being paid to this request.

Yours Resply

Harlem River Lumber & Wood-Working Co.

Per... Geo Stark... Secy & Treas.

From Harlan Lumber Co
George Stark & Co

Referred to Captain
Creecher for immediate
attention & report and
to see that access to
the said fire Hydrant
is kept free & clear
of obstruction.

Peter J. Crecher
City of Denver

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* August 2, 1895.

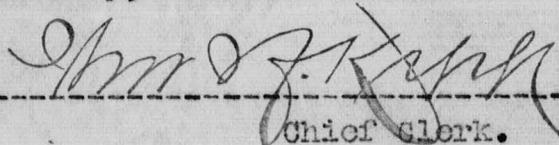
Mr. George Stark,
Harlem River Lumber & Wood Working Co,
Gerard ave. and East 138th street:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 23d ult., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, that Captain Creeden, of the 33d Precinct, reports as follows: "I have investigated the condition of Mott avenue south of 138th street, and I find that there are three fire hydrants in the vicinity complained of, and they are entirely free from any encumbrances, and are clear of any obstructions. Messrs. E. M. Pritchard & Son have a saw mill on 138th street and Mott avenue, and they have had some lumber standing on a portion of the street, but not to the extent of preventing fire engines from having a clear and free entrance to such avenue or street. They are at the present time removing said lumber from said street and avenue. C. E. Gates & Co., of 138th street and 4th avenue, have on some occasions allowed their trucks to remain in and upon said avenue, but will not do so in the future."

Please send any comment or suggestion you may have to make.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

May 20 1899

Dear Sir,

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Residing at Hotel
Sudicoll, & facing the
steps of the Cathedral, I
have ^{been} somewhat ^{troubled}
in ^{being} surprised to see the
professional beggar
system in full swing.
It seems to be, under
control of some company
of ^{the} Station Street
with wife, a man
aged, whose name has
not been visited by ^{any}
for forty years - a ^{man}
organ to grow out, at

May 20 1894

3163

Dear Sir,

Residing at Hotel
Sudicott, I perceive the
steps of education, I
have ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~which~~ ^{which} ~~truly~~
in I surprised to see the
professional degree
system in full swing.
It ~~seems~~ to be, under
control of some company.
The station stands
with life, a man
aged, whose hair has
not been visited by comb
for forty years - a ~~man~~
organ to grow out, at

They are hired by him.
at first he comes & takes
the money as in &c. &c.
A week ago I took
the liberty of particularly
investigating & found
the same thing going on
at 59th St, 72nd & 1st
& 93rd - some cases
worse than those mentioned
one man showing a
Gangster stamp - awful
to behold. I am
pretty sure they are
hired fellows - In
fact I know it.

approach of you to do business
on 8th St. Go to public car & it is a
thin man with pencil - the doctor
steps in & reports someone with a
brush & in fact must be in
with days, & on the other a
man with me not off - they are
etc. took at the point - but in main -
he comes at 12 St. Good. Such a job
of read. & collect the money they
receive - & judging from this

I am most
resptly yours
Mrs S. P. Barnard
#1 - Hotel Indicoth.

June 24 - '99

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* August 2, 1895.

Mrs. S. W. Barnard,
Hotel Endicott:

Madam:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to your complaint of beggard, made to His Honor, the Mayor, that Captain Haughey, of the 22d Precinct, reports as follows: "The nuisance spoken of at 59th street and 9th avenue has been abated, and further attention will be given the matter. Should the law be violated again arrests will immediately follow."

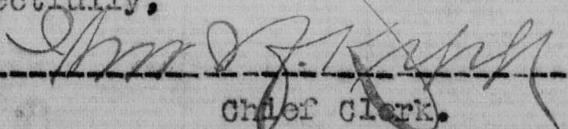
Acting Captain George S. Chapman, of the 24th Precinct, says: "Mrs. Barnard says that she has no knowledge of any beggars frequenting any of the L stations excepting 31st street, but that she was informed that such was the case. I took immediate steps to arrest any and all beggars found soliciting, but the only one that I could find was a blind man selling lead pencils at the foot of the L stairs, who was duly licensed, and I cautioned him to remain away. I carefully instructed the members of my command to arrest any of these persons found soliciting alms on the street, and I can safely state that the nuisance is abated."

Acting Captain John Cooney, of the 26th Precinct, reports as follows:

"Patrolman Thomas Donohue, of this command, arrested Sahodin Orenis, of No. 221 East 129th street, at 101st street and Manhattan avenue, on July 2d, 1895, the organ grinder complained of who Mrs. Barnard states that his hair has not been combed in forty years. She promised to appear as witness in the Harlem Police Court, but failed to do so. The prisoner was fined \$5.00 by Justice Crane. None of the other nuisances complained of exist in this precinct. I have instructed the members of this command to be vigilant and to arrest all persons found begging in the street."

Please send any comment or suggestion you may have to make.

Very respectfully,


Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* August 2, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward to you enclosed copies of letters sent as per request in yours of July 24:-

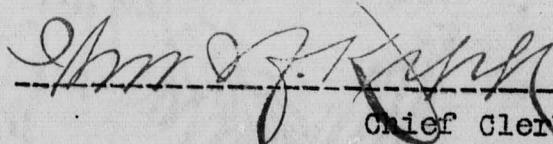
George Stark, concerning street obstructions.

Mary E. Fant, inquiring for missing persons.

Also in yours of June 20:-

Mrs. S. W. Barnard, concerning beggar nuisance.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

3138 Kensington Ave.

Philadelphia Pa July 30. 1895

Hon William L Strong

Dear Sir,

600/12
From the Board.

I hope I do not intrude on your valuable time by asking for the following information as through you seems to be my only available means of procuring it.

About February 1891 a man committed suicide in a New York City hotel his name was Edward Monks he was a traveling salesman representing an English or Irish firm his family was said to reside in Dublin Ireland at the time of his death.

The reason given for his rash act

was that he claimed to be a relative of John Cunningham an Australian Millionaire then lately deceased and that Thorns had heard there were other relatives here who were nearer to him and so becoming disappointed he killed himself in a New York City Hotel where he was then stopping

My mother who is now living is a daughter of James Cunningham and a niece of John Cunningham who is supposed to have went to Australia (city of Melbourne) in the early sixties and his age and name and place of birth corresponds with that ~~of~~ of the deceased. but his wifes maiden name is not now known and my mother is

under the impression that it
may have been monks so what we
would like to know if such can be
found out. What disposition was
made of the body of Edward Monks
after the coroners inquest did
any of his relatives or friends
claim the body if we could find
out the address of any of them
we could correspond and if the
said Edward Monks was a relative
we could find out through them
something of the family history of
John Cunningham and thus help
to establish our claim to relationship
as we had no correspondence with
him after he went away.

His relatives were advertised
for in the papers here through
a New York firm of lawyers
and I read it for my mother

at the time but although the name and place of birth were identical with that of the uncle she did not interest herself thinking it was another person not related to her

But since then circumstances have compelled her and other friends to admit of the strong possibility of relationship as when he went away his wife and only two children had died in Dublin Ireland and he told a neighbor he was going away perhaps never to return as his relatives were all dead or emigrated to America. My mother came here in 1845 and her three brothers (all now dead) came

here before he left Dublin
so all trace was lost of him
and them to him until we
heard of the death in
Melbourne Australia

We know of the time and
place of every member of the
family who died in the last
hundred years except this
missing uncle of my mothers
so thinking some information of
Edward Monks family could be
discovered through the inquest
I respectfully ask that favor
and if you honour me with an
answer, whether we are successful
or not in our search I shall
always regard it as an esteemed
favor from you. Respectfully
Yours James C. Glackin
son of Mary Cunningham

From the Mayor
enclosing letter from
James E. Glacken,
Phila. Pa —

Missing

Police Department of the City of New York
Bureau of Information

New York August 9th, 1895.

Peter Conlin
Acting Chief of Police.

Sir:-

The Records of this Department show that at 7.20 A. M. March 13th, 1891 Edward Menks 50 years old-clerk of 398 East 10th street committed suicide in a lodging house #340 Bowery this City by putting his throat with a pen knife. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery L. I. March 16th, 1891 by William Celahan, undertaker 131 Avenue "B" at the expense of Mrs. O'Neil and Miss O'Leary both of 396/8 East ~~10th/10th~~ 10th street old acquaintances of his.

Miss O'Leary informs us that Menks was a native of Dublin, Ireland was a travelling salesman, and his wife (nee Annie Mann) & children reside in Liverpool England but their address she does not know. Mrs. Denevan Daughter of Mrs. Menks can be reached by addressing in care of "The Guinness" Brewery Dublin Ireland in whose employ her husband is The death certificate of "Menks is No. 7907 and a certified transcript of the same may be obtained by the writer by communicating with the Board of Health and complying with the instructions contained in the annexed circular.

Respectfully

John J. Harley
Sergeant B. of I.

Police department of the City of New York.

Bureau of Information.

New York August 9th, 1895.

Peter Conlin Esq.,

Acting Chief of Police.

Sir:-

Referring to the annexed letter, I would state that Sam. Rosenstein, who formerly kept a clothing store at 218 Bowery, has left the City and his whereabouts cannot be ascertained.

His wife resides with her Mother (Mrs. Lemon at 123 East 92nd street City)

respectfully

John J. Harley

Sergeant B. of I.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* August 8, 1895.

Copy.

Peter Conlin,
Acting Chief of Police:

Sir:

Referring to the annexed letter I would state that it has been ascertained that George D. Ross received the pay due to him, amounting to \$166.24, on board the receiving ship Vermont, at the Brooklyn Navy yard, July 25, from Mr. Early, Assistant Paymaster, and was thereupon discharged, and left the yard after announcing his intention to re-enlist, and some of his shipmates think he has gone to Washington, D. C., for that purpose.

I respectfully transmit herewith a communication from John Muir, Esq., Eastern Traffic Agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., which shows that Ross did not reach this city by their line, and that the steamship San Juan does not run to this port, but plies between San Francisco and Pacific ports.

There is no record of Ross having fallen into the hands of the police of either this city or Brooklyn since the date of his discharge.

Respectfully,

John J. Harley,

Sergeant Bureau of Information.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

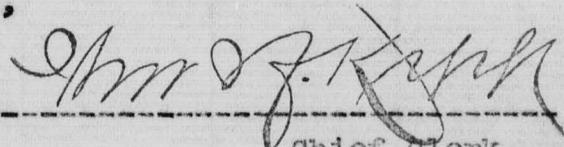
August 12, 1895.

Mrs. Mary A. Wilson,
1925 East Lombard street,
Baltimore, Md.:

Madam:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward you enclosed copy of report from Bureau of Information concerning the whereabouts of your son, George D. Ross, as requested in your letter of the 31st ult., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor. The letter of Agent Blair, referred to in report states that George D. Ross was one of the survivors of the Colima disaster and was probably landed at San Francisco, but that he did not come here by their line, the "Newport," which arrived here on July 12, and which carried all the San Juan's passengers containing no record of such a passenger.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* August 12, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward you enclosed copy of letter also of report sent to Mrs. Mary A. Wilson, Baltimore, Md., as per your request of August 1.

Very respectfully,

John J. Kane

Chief Clerk.

Property Owners' Union of the City of New York,

No. 78 EAST 96th STREET,

New York,

July 25 1895

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Hon. W. R. Strong
Mayor

From the Board

Dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention, to a nuisance that exists on Canal St. bet. Matt & Mulberry, & which, it appears, the police are unable to cope with. The nuisance in question, consists of gangs of hoodlum boot-blacks, plying their trade in front of the many business houses situated in the neighborhood, interfering with business, & insulting passers by, particularly ladies.

This has continued for the past 10 or 12 months, & has come to such extremes, that this letter of appeal is essentially necessary to the business interests centred here,

Trusting this communication will receive your prompt & kind consideration, I am,

Very Resp Yours.

A. Caro. Secretary
P. O. U. 7/24

Property Owners' Union of the City of New York,

No. 78 EAST 96th STREET,

New York,

July 25 1895

Hon. Board of Police
New York City

Gentlemen:

I beg to appeal to your honorable body, to suppress a nuisance, that exists on Canal St. bet. Mulberry & Matt Sts, & which, it appears, the police of this precinct are utterly unable to subdue.

The nuisance in question, consists of gangs of hoodlum boot blacks, plying their trade in front of the several business houses centred on the street, & insulting passers-by, particularly ladies.

This has been continual for the past 10 or 12 months & has come to such extremes, that for the future interests of the neighborhood, this letter of appeal is necessarily essential.

Trusting that you will give this your kind & prompt attention,

I am,
Very Truly Yours

A. C. Cro. Secretary
P. O. No. 1219

H. Caro

78 East 96 St.

Complaining of disorderly
boys in Canal St.

TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE

RECEIVED

FOR REPORT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

AUG 26 12 55 PM 1895

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,

[Signature]
CHIEF CLERK

New York, *July 27* 1895.

to *Acty. Insp. D. Wright*
for investigation, attention and report

[Signature]
ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

New York, *[Signature]* 1895.

Respectfully forwarded to the Board of Police

[Signature]

[Signature]
ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

ON FILE send copy

AUG 16 12 55 PM 1895

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,

[Signature]
CHIEF CLERK
[Signature]

Police department of the City of New York.

Precinct No. 6

New York August 8th, 1895.

Peter Conlin

Acting Chief of Police.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to the annexed complaint received by his Honor Mayor Strong from H. Care Sec. of the P.O.U of the City of New York relative to hoodlum bootblacks plying their trade in front of business places on Canal street between Mett and Mulberry streets I would state as follows.

The above is the first complaint I have received on this subject and will see to it that there will be no occasion for any other complaints, as special instruction has been given to the Roundsman and the patrolmen on that post to keep it clear of Bootblacks and will also give it my personal attention.

Respectfully

Robert Young

Sergeant in Command 6th Pct.

Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,

August 19th, 1895.

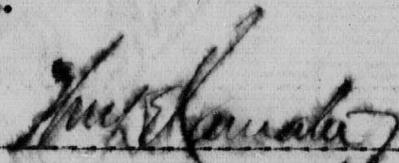
Hon. William L. Strong

MAYOR ^New York City.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police and in further
reply to your favor of the 26th ult. enclosing complaint from H.
Care, I return original communicating with copy of report thereon.
Report has also been forwarded to Care.

Very respectfully


J. J. Hendon
Supt. Clerk

Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York, AUGUST 19th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong
Mayer New York.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed to transmit herewith enclosed report relative to inquiry made by James C. Glackin, of Philadelphia, Pa. regarding one Edward Monks. I have also forwarded a copy of the report to Mr. Glackin.

Very respectfully

Wm. L. Strong

Chief Clerk

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300. Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 19th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong
Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police and in further
reply to your favor of the 2nd inst. enclosing letter from Bar.
Rosenstin, asking certain information, I transmt copy of report
on same with original communication .

Very respectfully

Thos. Lawler

1 Sp. Clk

N. B. Copy of report has been sent To Mr. Rosenstein.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300. Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 20th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 1st. inst. enclosing letter from John Burkard, I respectfully return said letter, and state that sergeant John Harley, reports as follows:-

" Referring to the annexed letter I would state that inquiry has been made and the only information we are able to ascertain is that " Annie Burkard" one of the parties mentioned is a trained nurse, and when actively engaged she makes her home with Mr. Carl Rahm, at his residence 394 Bergen St. Brooklyn N. Y., where any letters sent will be received."

Very respectfully

Thos. Lawler

1 Sep 20 1895

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Of the City of New York,

300 MULBERRY ST.,

Hon.

New York, Aug. 23, 1895

Wm L. Strong
Mayor.

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the _____ addressed to *Board* relative to *letter from Mrs. Mc Pherson*

and to say that the same has been *referred* TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE

FOR REPORT.

Very respectfully,

Wm L. Strong
Chief Clerk.

1 Sep 1895

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 26th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong
Mayor New York.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of Police held this day
your communication enclosing letter from Mrs. B. Taylor, relative
to her husband, was referred to the Acting Chief for report.

Very respectfully

Thos. Lawler
1 Sp. Clk



Filed Aug 26 A/895

Mayor. Strong

Your Honor. 674/12

I have a Favor to ask
you. My Daughter ran
away with a married
man and I think she is
in your City somewhere
what I want to find
out through your help

is where she is at. The
Man name is Joseph
Crout. a French man
and he is a baker. only
works in French bakery
The girl own name is
Emma Endres. Bright
Curly hair and is
lame on the ~~the~~ right
hip. old 21. years

Hoping hear soon
and Obodge a
Broken Hearted
Father.

Adolph. Endres.
1435. S. 5th st
Phila

POLICE DEPARTMENT

AUG 28 1 09 PM 1895

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,

Mrs. Lavalley

CHIEF CLERK

1 Dept. Clerk

New York, Aug. 29, 1895.

referred to

Sergeant Harley

for immediate investigation, attention and report

Peter Corbin

ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
ON FILE *Send copy*

SEP 6 2 04 PM 1895

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,

Wm J. Kelly

CHIEF CLERK

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 31st, 1895.

copy.

Peter Conlin,
Acting Chief of Police:
Sir:

Referring to the annexed communication from Adolph Endress, 1435 South 5th street, Philadelphia, Pa., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, requesting information relative to one Joseph Crout, a French baker with whom the daughter of the writer is said to have left home, I would state that inquiry has been made of Emil Hersher, Secretary of the French Bakers Society, 276 Seventh avenue, also at Weber's French pastry cooks' and bakers' employment agency, 213 West 42d street, as well as at all the bakeries in the French quarter, and we are unable to find any trace of the man referred to, which we probably would have if he had come to this city and sought employment. Inquiry has also been made at the French employment agencies, 101 West 36th street and 602 Sixth avenue, where female servants are hired, and we failed to find any trace of the girl, Emma Endress.

Respectfully,

John J. Harley,

Sergeant, Bureau of Information.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* Sept. 6, 1895.

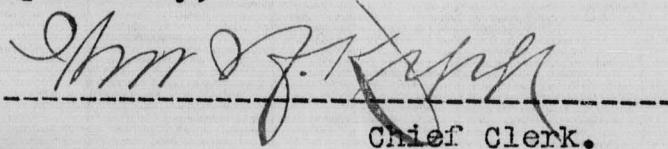
Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward you enclosed copy of report relative to yours of the 27th ult., enclosing inquiry from Adolph Endress, of Philadelphia, as to the whereabouts of his missing daughter.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* August 8, 1895.

COPY.

Moses W. Cortright,
Acting Inspector:

Sir:

In relation to annexed complaint would state that there are no stands at the northwest corner of 3d avenue and 106th street, but there are stands as described at the southwest corner. I found these stands there when I took command of the precinct two years ago, and am informed by one of the occupants that he has occupied the same for the past seven years. Since the ordinance permitting the sale of tobacco and other small wares and merchandise on stands was repealed, the sale of tobacco on this stand has been discontinued. I arrested the expressman and bootblack for obstructing the sidewalk with their stands, and arraigned them before Magistrate Mott at the Fifth District Court, and he discharged them, holding that they were not violating the law, as they were not selling any goods. I have also made a complaint to the Bureau of Incumbrances, requesting that all of said stands be removed, and was informed that the matter was under investigation by their bureau, and that the same would receive immediate attention.

Very respectfully,
Josiah A. Westervelt,
Captain 28th precinct.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

COPY.

Sept. 2, 1895.

Nicholas Brooks,
Acting Inspector:
Sir:

In compliance with your order to investigate and report on attached communication, relative to summer garden on the sidewalk, at n. e. cor. of 34th street and 8th avenue, I herewith submit the following report: I detailed two officers of this command in plain clothes, who visited the above named place and found they were selling liquors and beer to persons who visited this summer garden. They applied to City Magistrates Deuel and Brann at 2d District Police Court, who refused to grant a warrant, it being no violation of the law. The obstruction on the sidewalk has been reported ~~many times~~ several times to the Bureau of Incumbrances by the officers on this post, and the said summer garden has since been removed and the nuisance abated.

Respectfully,

Francis J. Kear,

Sergeant in Command 20th precinct.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

Sept. 6, 1895.

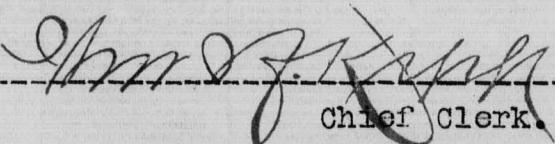
Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward you enclosed copies of reports relative to complaints enclosed to this office July 25th by John Jeroloman, Acting Mayor. The reports explain the nature of the complaints upon which they are based.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

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V^o

Pittsburgh City

Aug 28 1893

To The Mayor of New York

Dear Sir will you
please find out the
description of the man
Michael Savage that was
killed in that building
disaster about 3 weeks ago
I have a cousin that name
and the only ~~from~~ relation
and I havent heard from

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him for some time. The
age of the one killed was
about his. So if you will
find out I would be
ever so thankful

Yours respectfully

Mrs. Sadie Rogers

37 Ridge Ave

Lee & Hamilton Building

Allegheny City

Pa

Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York, Sept. 7, 1895.

Copy.

Peter Conlin,

Acting Chief of Police:

Sir:

Referring to the annexed letter from Mrs. Sadie Rogers, of Allegheny City, Pa., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, asking for the description of one Michael Savage, killed in the Ireland Building disaster at West 3d street and West Broadway, this city, I would state that the deceased lived at No. 739 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., and as it is outside the jurisdiction of this Department would respectfully suggest that the writer communicate with his wife at the above address.

Respectfully,

John J. Harley,

Sergt. Bureau of Information.

Copy sent direct to Mrs. Rogers.

Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York, Sept. 9, 1895.

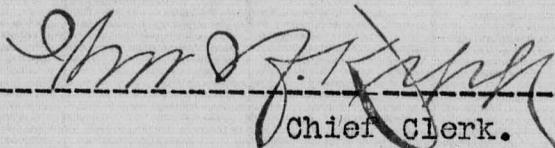
Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to forward you enclosed copy of report relative to yours of the 30th ult., enclosing inquiry from Mrs Sadie Rogers, 51 Ridge ave., Allegheny City, Pa.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

THE SPEEDWAY PERILS

Many Houses Shattered and Windows Smashed by Showers of Rocks.

NO ATTEMPT AT SECURING SAFETY

The Contractors Refuse to Pay for Any Damage They Have Done—Residents Protest in Vain and Cannot Procure Redress, and Are in Despair—Some Startling Facts.

The manner in which blasting for the Harlem River speedway has been conducted has aroused repeater criticism, as well as created much havoc along the route. It is no unusual thing for citizens to be assailed by showers of rocks when near the river; oarsmen rowing beside the speedway have been struck with stones and their boats have been broken; residents at Morris Dock have had their windows shattered. Repeated complaints to the Park Department, to the police and to various prominent members of the

men have been killed and sixty wounded at this part of the route."

A. Reynolt of 7 Fullam place has had his windows broken, also a clock that stood on a mantel, and pictures. Stones came through the windows into the house. A four-pound stone recently went sailing through the dining-room window of Ingebrecht Mikkelson's house at 6 Fullam place, and so great was the momentum that it went out of a rear window, smashing a blind.

Last Tuesday a shower of rocks went sailing into the yard of Mrs. Anderson's house, near Johnson's. On June 25 a great stone hurtled into a bedroom of her house. In the bed was a child dying of diphtheria. The shock of the incident hastened the child's death.

"My windows have been broken as many as fifty times by the blasting," said Mr. Johnson yesterday. "Rodgers pays for some of them. The last time, however, he sent men here who left a lot of putty on the floor and then went away, and I had to replace the windows at my own expense. The whole trouble is that the same old Tammany gang is on top yet.

"I was with Mr. Nelson and his wife and Mr. Carlsen, a boarder of theirs, when Inspector Willoughby made the following remark to me: 'Johnson, it's no use for you to sue Rodgers; his pull is too strong.'

"When I went to see Mr. Kellogg about getting Rodgers to pay for repairs, he remarked that I deserved to have my house blown to pieces for causing so much trouble." Rodgers once said to me: 'I'll buy out all your shanties, just for the pleasure it would give me to blow 'em up.'

"The blasting is done contrary to law. No chained logs are used to prevent the rocks from flying far, and sand is put over the dynamite in layers, so as to facilitate



INTERIOR OF MR. JOHNSON'S PARLOR.

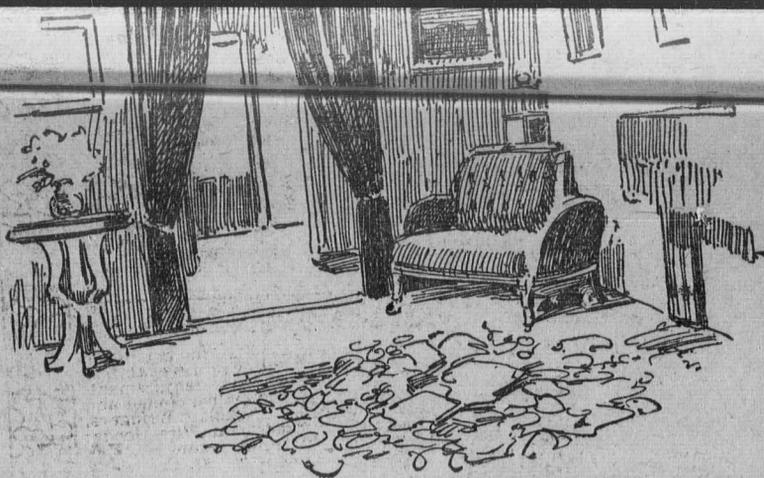
Board of Aldermen have been unavailing, but with the advent of the new reform administration things became a little better.

The contractors' blasting at certain portions of the route, where protests had been loudest. There is one section of the new roadway, however, which seemed to become an object for spite on the part of the blasters.

This is the little Scandinavian settlement at Fullam place, near 184th street. Time after time have rocks and debris been hurled against the houses, smashing the windows and roofs, and endangering the lives of the occupants. The houses of these people are situated on top of the embankment on the western side of the Harlem. The speedway lies between 200 and 300 feet below. The Scandinavians living here are meek, hard-working, and not well acquainted with the rights of private citizens. Hence, they have suffered in silence, as a rule, repairing the damage done by the blasting and seldom complaining to the civic authorities, as others had done. Consequently, the contractors imagined that the houses of these quiet folk could be battered with impunity—an idea that they proceeded to carry out industriously.

breaking the rocks, regardless of the fact that this makes the stones and debris scatter."

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INTERIOR OF MR. JOHNSON'S PARLOR.

Board of Aldermen have been unavailing, but with the advent of the new reform administration things became a little better, the contractors seemingly not having the same pull with the regime.

The contractors became more careful in their blasting at certain portions of the route, where protests had been lodged. However, construction of the new roadway, however, was intended to become an object for spite on the part of the blasters.

This is the little Scandinavian settlement at Fullam place, near 184th street. Time after time have rocks and debris been hurled against the houses, smashing the windows and roofs, and endangering the lives of the occupants. The houses of these people are situated on top of the embankment on the western side of the Harlem. The speedway lies between 200 and 300 feet below. The Scandinavians living here are meek, hard-working, and not well acquainted with the rights of private citizens. Hence, they have suffered in silence, as a rule, repairing the damage done by the blasting and seldom complaining to the civic authorities, as others had done. Consequently, the contractors imagined that the houses of these quiet folk could be battered with impunity—an idea that they proceeded to carry out industriously.

Olaf Johnson, though a Swede, isn't quite as meek as his neighbors, and is about to bring suit against Contractor J. C. Rodgers for damage done to his house last April. Ever since the mishap he says he has tried to collect the amount it would cost to repair the damage, but has been unsuccessful. Mr. Johnson has invoked the aid of the Park Department repeatedly, without success. Mr. Rodgers claims that he offered to pay for the damage, but this is denied by Mr. Johnson and others.

Mr. Johnson has not disturbed any of the plastering of his ceiling which was knocked from the ceiling by a shower of rocks, which a blast sent through all the windows. The plaster and the rocks which knocked it down lie in picturesque confusion just where they fell. Mr. Johnson has showed the plaster and rocks to Contractor Rodgers' representatives, to J. A. Lockwood, the city engineer in direct charge of the work on the Speedway, and to John Willoughby, an inspector of the Park Department. Each said that Contractor Rodgers ought to pay for repairing the damage, and there the matter ended for the time being.

A correspondence followed between Mr. Johnson and other householders whose property had been damaged and Secretary Charles Burns of the Park Board. Secretary Burns referred the statements of Johnson and the rest to M. A. Kellogg, engineer of the construction department of the parks, who called for explanations from Messrs. Lockwood and Willoughby. The result was that Kellogg announced to the Park Board that the houses at Fulham place were very light frame buildings and within 200 feet of the blasting. This did not seem to be a very brilliant excuse for the damage, and Engineer Tait, in behalf of Rodgers, offered to give Johnson a check for \$50 to pay for his losses. Mr. Johnson was more than willing to accept this, but he says that when he asked Rodgers to sign the check the latter replied angrily: "I won't pay a continental cent!" and he did not sign. It was then reported to the Park Board that Johnson and the other householders had refused to have the work done. This, too, went into the correspondence, and Contractor Rodgers sent John McCullough, a plasterer of 2076 Amsterdam avenue, to make an estimate. He did, and then he reported that Rodgers declined to pay it, although Mr. Johnson desired the work done. Plasterer Mallin of 876 West 35th street reported to the same effect.

In his report to Engineer Kellogg, Assistant Engineer Lockwood stated that Mrs. Stagg, who lives at 5 Fullam place, was not certain that the damage to her house was done by blasting, but says "she might as well say so as the house needs a new roof." She denied yesterday to a Recorder reporter making any such statement. She said that of the many window panes which had been broken in her house by the blasting, Rodgers had put in but five. Her husband, Zach. T. Stagg, contradicts Mr. Lockwood's report, and says all the repairs made necessary have been paid for out of his own pocket.

Engineer Lockwood also reported to Chief Engineer Kellogg that none of Mr. Johnson's neighbors complained of the blasting. Nels Person of 4 Fullam place says:

"This is not so. We have been greatly bothered by blasting. My windows and roof have been smashed and so have my blinds. Blasting on the Speedway is done in a very reckless manner. It is a constant menace to life, limb and property. The contractor never keeps his promise to pay for the repairs made necessary by the blasting. I have never seen work conducted in such a reckless manner. Seventeen of the work-

breaking the rocks, regardless of the fact that this makes the stones and debris scatter."

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From the Board.

New York September 10th 1895.

Hon. Wm. G. Strong. ✓

Mayor City of New York

Respected Sir!

I take the liberty to inclose
Clipping of New York Recorder of September 1st 1895.
Which if you will have the kindness to read, will
give you an idea of the position I am placed in. I have
endeavored by every means to get a fair settlement of
my claim. I have appealed to the Park Board without
avail, being after long delays told to sue the Contractor
Mr. Rodgers of the Second Section of New Speedway. He
in turn informs me that he will not pay a cent. Now being
a man of limited means a poor jobbing carpenter, with no
money to repair my damage. As the cold weather is
approaching and last week another rock went through
my window. Having no money to sue and not wishing
to have the nuisance I enclosed all summer to continue
I would respectfully ask you to give me such aid as
lays in your power. I am.

Yours Respectfully

Wm. J. Johnson

No 8. Fullum Place West 184th Street & Amsterdam Avenue

Blasting on
Harlem River
Speedway

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N. Y. Aug 30th 1895

Hon W^m L Strong

Dear Sir

August Captade a
non citizen of the United States has a boot black stand
on the Cor. Whitehall St cor Water St at all times of
the day there are a great many people passing
and as a rule every body is insulted especially
Young Ladies in there ignorant way. I call your
attention to this fact so as it can be stoped
as I think I have a right as a Citizen of these
United States

Trusting you will give this a portion
of your attention

I am

Yours Respectfully

Chas Boumeiser

1 State St

N. Y. City

Police Dept
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*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300. Mulberry Street,
New York,*

Sept. 16th, 1895.

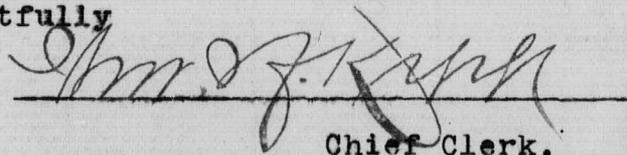
Hon. William L. Strong

Mayer New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 31st ult. I would respectfully state that upon investigation we find that Mr. Beumeiser did not sign the communication sent to you and knows nothing regarding the matter.

Very respectfully



Chief Clerk.

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New York, Aug 28 1895

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OFFICE

Replied to Commission Roosevelt
H.S.

Hon Mayor Strong
Dear Sir

Will you kindly have some
action taken, to stop the Public Nuisance
at Lion Park of the Shooting Galleries
the so called "Merry Go Rounds that has been
squacking out so called music, every night this
summer, until the small hours of the morning.
We suppose we will have to put up with the
blasting music inside, until the end of the season
But of this outside racket, mightly, we (that is)
Hundreds of the residents of 106th St 105th and
Manhattan ave, - we are compelled to lie awake
night after night, and prevented from sleep the sick
especially at the Cancer Hospital." add in hearing
God help them - But we appeal to the authorities
can we get any relief, or must we move out of
the neighborhood - "Patience has ceased to be a virtue"
all of the residents, will rise up and thank you
for the abatement of this nuisance
Most Respectfully
Geo H. Reed

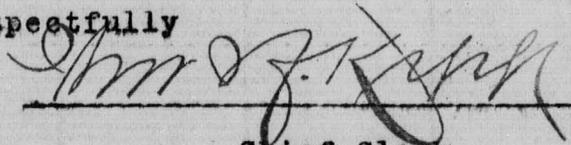
Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York, Sept. 16th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong
Mayor New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police and in further
reply to your favor I transmit herewith report on communication
from Geo. K. Reed, also original communication. Copy of report has
also been forwarded to Mr. Reed.

Very respectfully



Chief Clerk.

Police Department of the City of New York.

Precinct No. 26.

Nicholas Brooks

Acting inspector 2nd District.

Sir:-

In answer to annexed communication of George H. Reed No. 69
West 106th street to his honor the Mayor I herewith submit the

following report.-

The nuisance complained of by Mr. Reed is a Merry-go-round
with an organ attached located at the corner of 107th street and
Manhattan Avenue on the property of Messrs Bernheimer and Schmidt
it is used by Children who attend picnics. with their parents at
Lien Park. I have instructed the members of this Command to be
vigilant and abate all nuisances that may be complained of.

Respectfully

John Cooney

Sergeant in Command 26th Precinct.

In answer to annexed communication

Sir:-

Acting Inspector, 2nd District.

Nicholas Brooks

Police Department of the City

Leon Park

Mission

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John