

SAID TO HAVE TAKEN MONEY

Serious Charge Preferred Against Petty Officers at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

PROMOTIONS ARE FOR SALE

Secret Service Man Finds It Not at All Difficult to Be Advanced for Small Sum.

New York, Aug. 2.—A naval board is investigating reports that certain petty officers on the receiving ship Hancock, stationed at the Brooklyn navy yard, have been selling ratings or promotions to sailors for cash. The reports were started by bluejackets, who talked freely of the matter ashore. When the commissioned officers on the ship and in the navy yard heard of these reports they reported it to the navy department and a board was detailed to investigate the rumors.

A new bluejacket recently appeared on the Hancock. It was said that he had been transferred from the Washington navy yard. On the Hancock, it is alleged, he had a talk with a petty officer about his rating and paid \$25 for an advancement. Not long afterward he was jumped from landsman to second class fireman. He enjoyed his honors only 48 hours, disappearing suddenly. It now turns out that he was a secret service man who had been sent on to get evidence. Three petty officers have been summoned as witnesses to Washington. The bluejackets at the yard say that grafting has been going on for a long time unknown to the commissioned officers, however, until recently.

GROWERS' ASSOCIATION FAILS.

Fresno Raisin Men Unable to Get Together This Year.

Fresno, Cal., Aug. 2.—After two months of strenuous effort to get the Raisin Growers' Association through, President R. K. Madsen has abandoned all efforts to preserve the association and announced that all contracts so far signed would be returned. This has been brought about by the failure of the association to reach an agreement with the packers and growers to join the association. Every grower in the valley must now do the best he can for himself without aid from any organization whatever. It is believed that the result will be the failure of many raisin growers.

The association has been in existence for six years and has handled about three million dollars' worth of raisins a year, representing 75,000 acres of grape land. The low price of raisins last year caused the downfall of the association.

At the beginning of the season this year there still remained on hand 2000 cars of last year's crop. This fact, with an outlook for a poor season this year, seemed to cause a loss of faith in the association. But 23,700 acres of the 75,000 acres were signed up this year. The association will remain in existence this year only long enough to dispose of the hold-over crop. Another attempt to revive it will be made next year.

EXTINGUISHER EXPLODED.

Jersey City Fireman Killed in Handling Defective Apparatus.

Jersey City, Aug. 2.—Joseph Campbell, a member of the company attached to No. 3 fire truck, was killed last night by the explosion of a fire extinguisher, which he had taken off the truck to use at a fire.

The extinguisher, it is said, was defective and in place of having an entirely new bottom put in the damaged part had been soldered and was thus unfit to stand the strain put on it.

The fragments that struck Campbell broke three ribs on his left side, blew away the left side of his face and fractured his skull. He was taken at once to the hospital where he died.

MANY ARE WITHOUT FOOD.

Butchers' Strike Working Great Hardship in Windy City.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—One of the serious questions which confronts the managers of the packing house strike is the separation of the worthy from the unworthy in the distribution of food supplies. It is claimed that most of the supplies so far given out have been secured by persons who have money for their own support, while many families in actual want have been unable to secure anything. Fa-

voritism in the distributions have also been charged.

Lack of food and proper nourishment among the poor classes who were compelled to leave their work on account of the strike has caused much illness and at the dispensary of the University of Chicago it is reported that 100 cases, mostly children, had been treated within the last four days.

SOME QUEER ACCIDENTS.

Strange Happenings to People in Different Parts of the Nation.

New York Sun: While carrying a keg of beer intended for a picnic in Reading, Pa., one day last week, Elmer Kerchoff stumbled over a wire. The keg slipped so suddenly that the jar dislocated his neck.

Only a short time ago Miss Carrie Hugin of Janesville, Wis., was so tightly hugged by her lover that two of her ribs became interlocked. After suffering severe pain the young woman confessed that strenuous love making was the cause of her distress.

Emanuel Beveler of Sterling, Ill., cut his throat on his high collar. He was riding a bicycle, and in trying to avoid a passing horse was thrown. In his fall his collar cut his throat.

Margaret Kirchbaum died of eating hot potatoes. She was in a hurry to go out and gulped several hot potatoes. She died in great agony. The autopsy showed that her throat and the lining of her stomach had been so badly burned that the swelling had caused her to choke to death.

Jasper Gomers, while waiting for a car at midnight in St. Louis, sat down on a barrel of tar and fell asleep. When he awoke he found the tar had softened and he had slowly sunk down into the sticky stuff until his feet, arms and head only were outside. He was chopped out with an ax.

William P. Steele of Princeton, Md., died a few months ago while setting up a monument over his wife's grave. The stone fell, crushing his head and chest.

Francis J. Birdwell, a Boston ornithologist, climbed high up in a tree at Rio Pecos, New Mexico, after a bird's nest. The rope he was using caught on a limb and when he slipped and fell a loop caught him around the neck and he was slowly strangled to death. His bride of a month stood at the foot of the tree, but was unable to help him.

A Jersey mosquito caused the death of a barber named Rosho Dorso at Harrison, N. J. The barber was shaving, and a mosquito lit on his nose. The razor was directly under the barber's chin, and in making a slap to drive away the mosquito, he cut a deep gash in his throat. A physician arrived too late to save him.

A swordfish caused the death of Auguste Sylvia, about 35 miles out at sea. Sylvia was one of the crew on the fishing sloop Klondike, from Gloucester. A 2000-pound swordfish had been harpooned, and Sylvia entered a dory to make another line fast to the fish, which was only about two lengths away from the sloop. In its flurry the fish made a break for the dory and broke its sword by running it through the planking. The shock when the fish struck the dory threw Sylvia overboard, and as he was in oilskins and rubber boots he was unable to swim and sank before assistance could reach him.

Paul Bowles, a 10-year-old son of a Bolivar (N. Y.) merchant, lost his hair by fright. A runaway horse threw the boy into convulsions, which caused all the hair on his head to fall out.

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New York Woman Meets Horrible Death at Department Store.

New York, Aug. 2.—Mrs. Ella S. Betts of Manhattan was killed by an elevator in a Brooklyn department store yesterday afternoon in full view of many shoppers. She was caught by the floor of the elevator as it ascended, carried to the ceiling and thrown against it with terrific force, and her limp body fell to the floor. Doctors who were summoned could not restore her to consciousness and she died within 20 minutes.

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J. H. HANSEN, GEO. KABOTH, L. LEBECK, Committee on Public Property of the Common Council of the City of Astoria.

Office C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., July 5, 1904.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock a. m., August 4, 1904, for furnishing forage and bedding at posts in this department, for year ending June 30, 1905. Information furnished here or by quartermasters at posts. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for Forage and Bedding at —" addressed F. G. Hodgson, C. Q. M.

Treasury Department, U. S. Life-Saving Service, Washington, D. C., July 26, 1904. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2:00 o'clock p. m., of Friday, August 26, 1904, and then publicly opened, for the construction of a floating bathhouse for Grays Harbor (Washington) Life-Saving Station. Specifications and drawings, forms of proposal, etc., can be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of Construction of Life-Saving Stations, Pacific Coast, Room 35, New Appraisers' Stores, San Francisco, Cal.; to the Assistant Inspector of Life-Saving Stations, Coasts of Washington and Oregon, 13th District, Tacoma, Washington; or to this Office, Horace L. Piper, Acting General Superintendent.

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