

Firemen Freed on Theft Charge by City Council

Members of Hook and Ladder Company Testify They Were Cleaning Up Floor Not Looting Store.

William J. Feeney and Howard Bagley, members of Hook and Ladder company No. 4 of the fire department, were acquitted Thursday afternoon of charges filed by City Commissioner John Hopkins, alleging that on March 16, while on duty at a fire, they tried to steal merchandise.

Charges Contested. The accused firemen contested the case through Stanley Rosewater and George Archam, their attorneys.

Assistant Chief M. J. Dineen testified that he discovered the men in the front storeroom of the Dundee Plumbing and Hardware company, 3912 Farnam street, crouched behind a show-case. He said the circumstances of their presence in the darkness aroused his suspicions, particularly as to Feeney. The chief testified that when Feeney unfastened his belt he heard a noise as of articles falling on the floor. The firemen testified that they were cleaning up after the fire.

Showcase Broken. Evidence was offered to show that the showcases in which razors and knives were kept had been broken during the fire, the contention being the force of the water caused this damage and also scattered merchandise over the floor.

Mr. Feeney has been seven years in the fire department and Mr. Bagley 13 years. Both have military records.

Danbaum Acquitted of Charges by Council

(Continued from Page One.) By the following statement to a night police reporter: "When the crooks learn that the police department is demoralized, they will all flock to Omaha."

Mr. Danbaum entered a general denial of the charges and the evidence failed to substantiate the charges. Frederick W. Duerr, identifying himself as a night police reporter at central police station and 22 years old, was called as the chief witness for the police commissioner.

Little Crime Here. "I asked Mr. Danbaum," witness said, "if he thought his demotion would affect the police department."

Mr. Duerr said his interview with Danbaum lasted about half an hour, and he added that he jotted down, after the interview, the alleged statement Danbaum made about demoralization of the department.

Inclined to Be Sensational. Quizzed as to the reliability of Mr. Duerr as a news chronicler, the acting chief replied: "The young man is inclined to be sensational and color the news."

Commissioner Hopkins asked the acting chief: "What is your opinion of Danbaum as an officer, of his ability?"

"I consider him a good and capable officer," the acting chief replied.

Mr. Danbaum testified that he has served nearly nine years in the police department. In substance he testified:

Danbaum Gives Version. "I went to the station on the evening of March 27 with Fred Palmatag to arrange for my uniform, which I would need when I went on a beat."

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Quizzed by Lambert. Corporation Counsel Lambert asked Danbaum: "Did you have any thought or feeling that the changes made by Butler were detrimental to the police department?"

"We will assume that if he was a good officer he would have felt that way," Commissioner Hopkins interposed.

Quizzed closely by Commissioner Hummel, Danbaum said he discussed

Woman Gets Man's Position Far East Status Seen as Settling



The first woman to hold such office in New York, Miss Martha Byrne, was sworn in as secretary of department of corrections by Commissioner F. A. Wallis.

with none the probable effect of the demotion of himself or others. Captain W. G. Russell, who was present during part of the interview between Danbaum and Duerr, said he did not hear the statement ascribed to the officer. He testified that the reporter in the case was sensational.

Monsky and Butler Mix. At the conclusion of the hearing Attorney Monsky said: "The sooner Mr. Butler is put on record as to the motive behind these complaints, the sooner this commission will be relieved of these hearings and their attendant publicity."

"I am still here. You are insulting the intelligence of the people of Omaha," Mr. Butler retorted.

"I think Mr. Monsky overstepped his privilege by attacking one of the commissioners," Commissioner Hummel interposed.

"I only intended to give Mr. Butler some friendly advice which I thought he needed," Mr. Monsky replied.

Republican Mayor Chosen. Columbus, Neb., April 5.—For the first time in nearly 18 years the republicans triumphed over the democrats in the mayoralty contest here.

Temple Israel Passover Services Close Tonight. Closing services of the passover will be held Friday night at 8 at Temple Israel. Rabbi Frederick Cohn, pastor, will preach on "The Song of Songs."

When in Omaha Stop at Hotel Rome. Saturday morning at 10 he will deliver a sermon entitled "A New Thing." There will be special music.

See Want Ads are the Best Business

Record for Customs Receipts Predicted

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Bishop Stuntz in Club Session Praises English Rule in Hindustan.

Bishop Homer C. Stuntz, speaking before the Concord club in Hotel Fontenelle yesterday noon, expressed the belief that the far eastern situation is becoming rapidly more settled. Discussing India, he defended the English for arresting Ghandi, declaring that while Ghandi is honestly endeavoring to work out the salvation of India, his arrest was necessary to maintain public order.

After reviewing the early history of India, Bishop Stuntz explained the steps taken by the English to educate the natives by founding five universities. An over-supply of men trained by these schools has resulted in much unrest, he said.

The apparent conversion of Japan from its former diplomatic intrigues, following the Washington conference, is of far-reaching importance, Bishop Stuntz said. He urged that President Harding's advice that this country participate in an international court be followed. He also called attention to the rapid improvement of conditions in China.

Attention of the Concordians was called to "Ladies night," which is to be held in Prettiest Mile clubhouse the night of April 12. Dancing and other entertainments are on the program.

Two Scout Officials Get Red Cross First Aid Medals

Capt. R. A. Fisher of the American Red Cross conducted the final session of his first aid class at Boy Scout headquarters Wednesday. An examination was given 16 men who secured American Red Cross certificates for first aid proficiency. Two medals were awarded to James McLaughlin and Louis Schreiber, scout officials who already have completed two courses of instruction in first aid, and now are entitled to the expert first aid emblem issued by the American Red Cross.

These men were enrolled in the class: J. P. Atkinson, Earle Stirling.

Dear, old mother! A sweet, natural photograph at home, in her own comfy chair. Have father do it. At-7409

Louis Schreiber, L. Jaspersen, Earl Sreeves, Omar Wilson, C. W. Minard, J. T. Cunningham, E. L. Hudson, S. E. Grosse, Robert Jackson, R. E. Walter, Ted Albers, Alfred Christiansen, Harold Grant, James McLaughlin, Adrian Mayer, Ernest Borsen, M. W. Childs, Virgil Ney, Ray Low, E. A. Shue, A. B. Tebbens, Clifford Elliston, R. V. Evans and G. H. Gendall.

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Senator Smoot's study of the import records gave assurance, he declared, that the tariff law was working equitably. This is proved, he explained, by the fact that the importations include almost every commodity known to commerce and trade.

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