POLICE OFFICER APOLOGIZES FOR CHILD INCIDENT

Acknowledges He Made a Mistake Under Misapprehension of Circumstances

The investigation held last night by the police commission into the circumstances of the allegation made by H. B. Rochester, manager of the Prince Rupert Hotel, that Police Sergeant Bailey on or about March 20 had assisted Carl Johnson in the kidnapping of the three year old child of Mrs. Anna Johnson resulted in Sergeant Bailey consenting to make a public apology admitting that he had erred in making without proper authority the entry complained of. There was considerable discussion in the course of which it was charged by Mr. Rochester and denied by Sergeant Bailey that the latter had prevented Mrs. Johnson from regaining the child at the time in question but the following apology was finally accepted by both:

"In reference to the inquiry held this evening in regard to the alleged abduction of the child of Carl Johnson on March 20 and my connection with the affair, I beg to say the whole affair was due to a misapprehension on my part as to my duties in the matter. I admit I did go into the hotel. At the same time, I realize I made a mistake in this matter and I sincerely regret the same.

"A. H. BAILEY,
"Police Sergeant."

Rochester's Charge

At the opening of the meeting, Mr. Rochester was asked to detail the basis of his charge to the commission. He stated that Johnson and Bailey had entered the hotel and gained access to Mrs. Johnson's room by telling the attendant that they had come to take Mrs. Johnson to the steamer on which she was leaving for the south. He (Rochester) had been awakened by the screams of the child and, on going to the door of his room in the same corridor, Johnson was making off downstairs with the screaming child in his arms while Bailey was still barring the entrance to Mrs. Johnson's room, allegedly to prevent her from following. Later from his window he had seen Johnson and Bailey enter a car and drive off with the child. He had no doubt at the time that there was authority for the seizure but he had intended to complain to the authorities in any case of such "crude work." Everybody in the hotel had been awakened. Had not Bailey accompanied Johnson, the latter would never have gained access to Mrs. Johnson's room for she had stated that she was afraid of Johnson and feared that he would attempt to take the child. She had been assured that he would not gain access to her room. However, the hotel staff had been instructed never to attempt to obstruct a police officer. Bailey had lent himself to an act which he considered an "outrage" and a "dastardly piece of work."

Bailey's Story

In telling his story, Sergeant Bailey stated that, two or three weeks prior to this incident, Johnson had come to him and stated that his wife and child were back in town and that he was getting papers through Mr. Gonzales giving him possession of the child. Johnson had even asked if Mrs. Bailey could give the child a home after he had regained it. He had not seen Johnson again until the morning of the incident in question when he had come to the police station and, stating that arrangements had been made for him to regain possession of the child, had asked him (Bailey) to accompany him as a witness. They proceeded to the hotel and Bailey remained in the corridor while Johnson proceeded to Mrs. Johnson's room. He saw the child between Johnson and Mrs. Johnson and it was crying. He had warned Johnson not to make the child cry and then Johnson had made off with the screaming baby in his arms. He denied obstructing Mrs. Johnson at any time. Following Johnson down the stairs, Bailey had asked that the crying child be given to him. They proceeded to Besner's house where he (Bailey) saw the child safely delivered. This was recorded at the time in the police books. Bailey went on to tell of a raid he had made some four years ago on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Liquor had been found and Johnson had been fined $300. This he thought made it clear that he and the Johnsons were not on friendly terms and it was possible that an attempt was made to injure him.

Cross Examination

Mr. Rochester proceeded to cross-examine Sergeant Bailey and among other questions asked why he had not made sure that Johnson had the papers and why he had not come to the manager of the hotel in connection with the matter before seizing the child.

Sergeant Bailey said that he had assumed Johnson had the necessary papers or the incident, as far as he was concerned, would never have occurred. Subsequently he had found out from Mr. Gonzales that Johnson did not have the papers. It was the first mistake he had made in his fourteen years' service with the force.

City Solicitor Jones admitted that Sergeant Bailey had been indiscreet but in view of the fact that he felt he was acting legally he would not say that he was greatly to blame. Mr. Rochester had good ground for complaint but he did not think that his request for the dismissal of Bailey from the force was justified.

Mayor Newton did not feel that Sergeant Bailey should be held too strictly to account unless it was shown there was collusion and he (the mayor) did not believe there was collusion.

Entitled to Protection

Commissioner Montgomery thought that Sergeant Bailey had made a mistake and that Mr. Rochester, as proprietor of the hotel, was entitled to protection. He was not inclined, however, to condemn Sergeant Bailey for one blunder. He felt that an apology might meet the situation. He believed the mistake had been made unwittingly by Sergeant Bailey.

Mr. Rochester felt that a mistake had been made which should not be glossed over lightly. The hotel had suffered for women had felt assured that they would be safe there. He could see no reason for the mistake that had been made and a man who would make such a mistake, he felt, was not a fit man to administer the law. All he asked for was protection but was ready to accept a full public apology.

City Solicitor Jones insisted that this apology should be without prejudice to Sergeant Bailey in case of subsequent legal action. Mr. Rochester agreed to this.

Does Not Agree

Mayor Newton was not altogether in accord with the idea of a public apology being made. He did not believe in a man being forced to eat too much humble pie. Commissioners Montgomery and Coombs did not agree with this view and felt that the apology would well meet the situation.

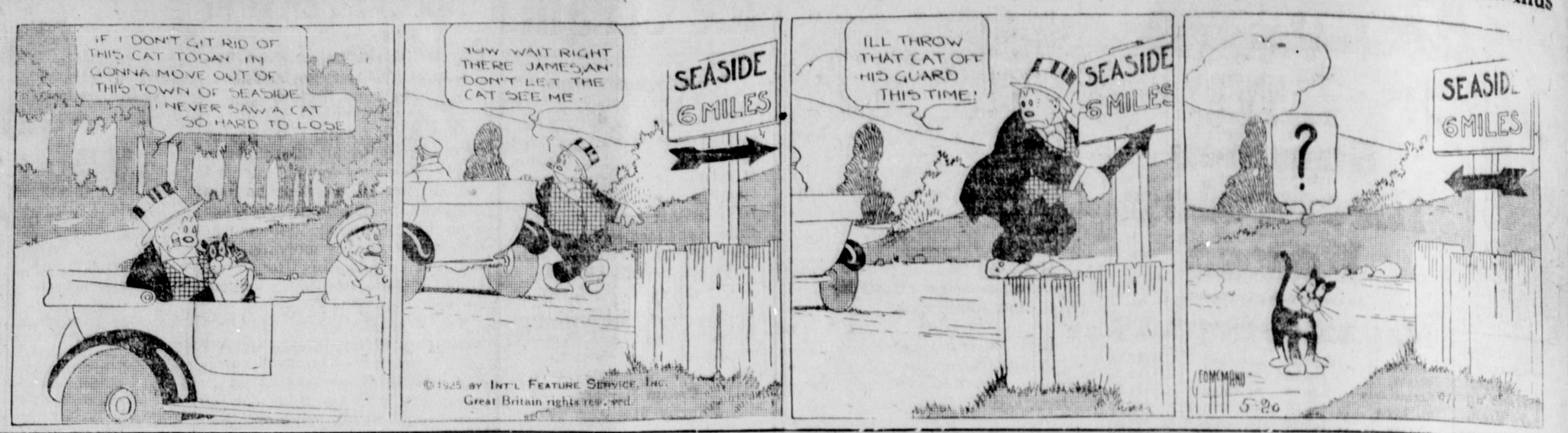
Commissioner Montgomery did not feel that this treatment for Sergenat Bailey was any worse than the action warranted. He congratulated Mr. Rochester on his views and felt that he had done right under the circumstances. Sergeant Bailey's error had been an unwitting one.

Commissioner Coombs hoped that this incident would constitute a warning to the officers in future.

After some further discussion, the apology was drawn up to the apparent satisfaction of everybody concerned.

BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



BEER PARLORS CAUSE DRUNKS

Police Commission Finds Conditions are Worse—Chief Asked to Meet Situation

The claim being made by members of the commission that the opening of beer parlors in the city was the cause of more drunkenness on the streets, the chief was asked at the meeting of the commission last night to take steps to keep order on the streets, particularly at the time of the closing of the parlors in the evening and on Saturday nights, even if this entails the engaging of special officers.

The subject was brought up by Mayor Newton who stated that such disorder had arisen on Monday night that it had been necessary for himself personally to warn some persons as to their conduct. He felt that, if an officer could be detailed to be on hand at such times, it would have a tendency to bring about more order.

Commissioner Montgomery referred to the tendency of men to loaf around the corner of Sixth Street and Third Avenue and stated that girls had even been accosted. The chief said he was aware of this condition which the officers were continually endeavoring to cope with.

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It is announced here that the American companies, although operating boats that are not as well equipped or as fast as the Canadian, will be active competitors. They will have ten vessels operating out of Seattle and will use every endeavor to stop the business going to Canadian boats. Many tourists will take the outside route and penetrate Alaska by way of the Alaska railroad.

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