

TO EXPLAIN BOYS' ARREST.

Mayor Orders Trial of 3 Lieutenants and 15 Patrolmen.

Complaints made by boys to Mayor Gaynor following the example of Hyman Albert, the lad who was arrested for playing ball in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, on June 1, have resulted in charge against three Lieutenants and fifteen patrolmen, most of them from the Prospect Park Police Station. They will be tried before Deputy Police Commissioner Dillon in Brooklyn on Wednesday.

After receiving the letter from the Albert boy the Mayor ordered Lieut. Charles H. Washburn and Policeman Harry J. Farley of the Prospect Park Station to stand trial. The decision in their case is pending. Then the Mayor directed Inspector Hughes to investigate the action of all the policemen who had arrested boys for playing ball between June 1 and June 15 and to prefer charges against them as well as against all Lieutenants who had put the boys in cells. The Mayor held that the police should have served the boys with summonses.

The Lieutenants under charges are Edward J. Hays, William Higgins, and Charles H. Washburn, and the policemen Peter McGowan, Thomas Donaher, Joseph O'Donnell, James Tupman, Harry Farley, John Bodkin, Thomas V. Janvrin, James S. Tierney, Thomas S. A. Keegan, James Mackelvey, Thomas A. Roach, George F. Paige, James H. Coleman, Walter Sargent, and John McNamara.

BET \$40 WITH \$20 BILL.

Bookmaker Who Got Half of It Seeks Brother Victim.

How to get down a \$40 bet with a \$20 bill was told by two bookmakers who have been trying to do business on the Belmont track since the resumption of racing as they were consoling one another in front of Miller's bar in Long Island City yesterday. According to them, dodging officers is not the only drawback to making a book on the track. Pulling out his wallet, one of the bookmakers laid half of a torn \$20 bill on the bar.

"I'd like to find the bookmaker who has the other half of this bill. We could paste it together, get it cashed and divide, and I'd at least get back \$10 of the money I paid out on its account Saturday. It was in the fourth race, when a fine-looking chap edged up to me and said he wanted to put \$20 on Stake and Cap. I pocketed the bill he produced, just catching sight of one corner to assure myself that it was a \$20, and put him down for the bet. He cashed immediately following the race, and I did not discover until some time afterward that all I had received was this torn \$20 bill, to which a piece of green and yellow paper the exact size of the remainder of the bill had been attached. He evidently placed the other half with some other bookmaker, and probably cashed with him, too; so I'm just waiting to find out who got the other half of this bill."

REGAL SHOE STORE ROBBED.

Safe in Williamsburg Branch Dragged Away and Opened.

A safe in a branch store of the Regal Shoe Company at 1,049 Broadway, Williamsburg, was forced open early yesterday morning by yeggmen, who obtained between \$500 and \$600 in cash and an equal amount in checks. The safe was moved from the front of the store to a rear room, where it was turned on its side and holes were drilled in it. The burglars inserted large sectional jimmys in these holes and pried open the door.

Entrance was made from an alleyway on Hart Street. A heavy iron shutter was forced. Arthur Engel, the manager, found the safe yesterday when he opened the store. He at once notified the police of the Hamburg Avenue station, who called finger print experts from Brooklyn Police Headquarters. The experts will examine the safe. On the floor, which was strewn with rubbish to deaden the sound of overturning the safe, was found a complete set of burglar tools.

JUNE FIRE LOSSES HEAVY.

Record for the Full Half-Year Lower Than This Period of 1912.

Losses by fire in the United States and Canada in the first half of 1913 amounted in value of property destroyed to \$118,245,650, according to the records of the Journal of Commerce, against \$134,372,450 in the same period of 1912, and \$129,691,750 for the opening six months of 1911.

The record of June, 1913, made a poor showing in comparison with the corresponding months of 1912 and 1911. Last month the amount of capital wiped out by fire was \$24,942,700, an increase of \$8,750,000 over the total of June in the previous year, and \$4,000,000 more than in June, 1911.