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The number of stores, doors, gates, and windows found open, or insecurely fastened, were as follows :

District.	Stores.	Doors.	Gates.	Windows.
Thirteenth.....	57	10	64	194
Fourteenth.....	65	2	10	33
Twenty-second.....	3	5	20	25
Twenty-third.....	41	103	33	159
Totals.....	166	120	127	411

Since assuming command of my division, I have visited the station-houses at all hours of the day and night; found them clean and well kept; officers active and attentive to duty.

Yours, very respectfully,

THOMAS BROWN,

*Captain.*

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REPORT OF THE LIEUTENANT OF THE DELA-  
WARE HARBOR POLICE, FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1884.

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January 4.—Found an unknown drowned man at Race street wharf; notified the Coroner.

January 5.—At 12.30 A. M., picked up a barge adrift in the ice off Walnut street; towed her into Spruce street wharf, and made her fast.

January 13.—At 11.30 A. M., Officer Lynn arrested Daniel Glover, at Water and Chestnut streets, for vagrancy; he was committed to the House of Correction, for six months, by Magistrate South.

January 14.—At 9.15 P. M., a fire broke out at the foreign fruit and produce store of Edgar Thomas, No. 250 south Front street; fire trifling; tug did not go into service.

January 23.—At 1.30 A. M., a runaway horse with sleigh attached, went overboard at Willow street wharf; the horse was drowned.

February 10.—At 10.30 A. M., the tug Rebecca broke her shaft while in the heavy ice off Spruce street; the tug and crew being in danger, the Police Tug Stokley towed her into the wharf.

February 11.—At 6.30 P. M., Albert Bailey, salesman for George K. Hubbard & Co., Wholesale Grocers, No. 230 and 232 North Delaware avenue, was knocked down, chloroformed and robbed of his watch, ring, and \$300, by three or four men in an alleyway adjoining the store; his watch, gloves, and hat were afterwards picked up in the alley; a search was made in the neighborhood for any suspicious looking characters, by Officers Defoney and Coolidge.

February 17.—At 8 A. M., an unknown man fell overboard at Noble street wharf, and was drowned; grappled for the body several hours, but did not succeed in recovering it.

February 25.—Tug up to the House of Correction with the Grand Jury.

February 28.—At 10.20 P. M., a fire broke out at Messrs. Coon Brothers & Co., Commission Merchants, No. 29 South Water street; tug proceeded to first wharf above Chestnut street and went into service, remaining one hour and thirty minutes.

February 29.—At 2.30 A. M., George Williamson, fireman of the steamship "Benthope," lying at Bainbridge street wharf, fell overboard and was drowned; grappled for the body several hours, but did not succeed in recovering it.

March 13.—At 7 P. M., Officer Lynn arrested Richard Schaefer, age 13 years, residing No. 3 Ton alley, for being beyond the control of his parents; confined three days at the Central Station; discharged by Magistrate Ladner.

March 13.—At 7.10 P. M., a fire broke out at Messrs. Baugh & Co., bone establishment, at Mifflin street wharf; tug proceeded to Mifflin street wharf; went into service, remaining three hours.

March 16.—At 10.50 P. M., Geo. Hill, age 31 years, residence No. 400 Thirty-fourth street, New York, fell overboard at Walnut street wharf; was rescued from drowning by Officers Jenney and Betzold; taken on board the tug and cared for.

March 21.—Tug conveyed the Port Wardens around in the Schuylkill river.

March 23.—Tug up to the House of Correction with six prisoners—four males and two females.

March 30.—Tug up to the House of Correction with five prisoners—four males and one female.

April 2.—At 10.20 A. M., a fire broke out at C. W. Simons, oil establishment, No. 155 North Front street; tug proceeded to Race street wharf; went into service, remaining forty-five minutes.

April 4.—At 7.40 P. M., a fire broke out at Messrs. Barber & Perkins, Commission Merchants, No. 3 North Water street; tug proceeded to first wharf above Market street; did not go into service, the fire being under control.

April 6.—Tug up to the House of Correction with thirteen prisoners—twelve males and one female.

April 13.—Tug up to the House of Correction with ten prisoners—eight males and two females.

April 14.—At 9.45 P. M., a fire broke out at Front and Market street, Camden, property owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, used as a hay market; tug proceeded to Market street wharf, Camden, went into service, remaining one hour and fifteen minutes; succeeded in saving adjoining property.

April 14.—About 3 A. M., an unknown man walked or fell overboard at Queen street wharf, and was drowned; the body was recovered and Coroner notified.

April 15.—At 7.30 A. M., the wall of the dye house on Windmill Island, facing the canal, fell in, setting fire to the building; tug proceeded to the Island; went into service, remaining in service some thirty minutes.

April 15.—At 10.30 A. M., Officers Seidel and Redmond picked up the drowned body of C. H. Button floating in the river, opposite Walnut street wharf; towed into Lombard street wharf, and notified the Coroner.

April 16.—At 7.50 P. M., a fire broke out at 248 North Delaware avenue, spreading to Nos. 244 and 246; also, to Nos. 229 and 231 North Water street; tug proceeded to Vine street wharf; went into service with three streams, remaining in service until 12 M.

April 17.—At 7.30 P. M., a fire broke out at Benner's Glass Works, Richmond street and Gunner's Run; tug proceeded to fire; did not go into service, the fire being under the control of the firemen.

April 20.—Tug up to the House of Correction with nine prisoners—eight males and one female.

April 22.—Tug up to the House of Correction with the Grand Jury.

April 27.—Tug up to the House of Correction with eight prisoners—females.

April 27.—Harbor Policeman Jenney picked up a tuck-up clinker-built skiff, thirteen feet long, stolen from Camden in November, 1883, the property of C. M. Wells; skiff returned to owner after proving property.

May 4.—Tug up to the House of Correction with thirteen prisoners—eight males and five females.

May 11.—Theo. R. Jones, residing at Sixth and Moyamensing avenue, committed suicide by drowning at Morris street wharf; body recovered; Coroner notified.

May 11.—Tug up to the House of Correction with seven prisoners—three males and four females.

May 11.—At 4.45 P. M., Nathan Williams, residing No. 305 Cherry street, fell overboard at Chestnut street; was rescued from drowning by Delaware Harbor Police.

May 11.—At 10.30 P. M., Michael Stafford, aged 22 years, residing at No. 5 Elsford place, Second and Race streets, arrested by officer Jenney, charged with assault and battery on the person of Clara Oberly, at the foot of Chestnut street and Delaware avenue; had a hearing before Magistrate South; was held to bail in the sum of \$500 to answer the charge at court.

May 12.—At 3.30 P. M., John Morricey, aged 58 years, had his right leg broken by a box falling on him from his wagon, at Walnut and Water streets; sent to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

May 13.—At 8 P. M., Eugene Clinton, aged 26 years, residing in West Philadelphia, was crushed to death while coupling cars, at Delaware avenue and Spruce street.

May 13.—Tug out of service, by order of the United States Inspector, being considered by him not seaworthy.

May 16.—At 3 P. M., Joseph Marshall, aged 47 years, residing at Newmarket and Callowhill streets, fell overboard at Walnut street wharf; was rescued from drowning by Officer James Martin.

May 18.—Tug up to the House of Correction with four prisoners—three males and one female.

May 21.—Tug up to the House of Correction with Grand Jury.

May 23.—At 10 P. M., The Philadelphia and Atlantic Refining Oil Company, at Point Breeze, struck by lightning, took fire; on the morning of the 24th, at 1.45, received a dispatch from Lieutenant Francis, of the Schuylkill Harbor, that he anticipated serious trouble; tug proceeded to the fire, arriving at 3 A. M., went into service, and continued in service to 8 P. M.

May 25.—Tug up to the House of Correction with six prisoners—four males and two females.

May 26.—At 8.30 P. M., Officer Martin arrested John Flinn and Benjamin Tindall on a charge of larceny at Ridgway Park; defendants taken before Magistrate Smith, at the Central Station, and committed by him, in default of bail, to answer at Court.

May 26.—John Flinn, aged 30 years, jumped overboard at Pier No. 7 South Delaware avenue; was rescued from drowning by Officer Martin and Special Officer Grimes, of Ridgway Park.

May 30.—Officers Curry and Caseley recovered a twelve-foot boat, valued at \$45, stolen from Camden, N. J., the property of George P. Stephan, residing at No. 340 Federal street, Camden.

June 1.—Tug up to the House of Correction with six prisoners—five males and one female.

June 1.—At 3 A. M., William Neal (colored), aged 30 years, residing at Haddonfield, N. J., fell overboard at Chestnut street wharf; was rescued from drowning by Officers Martin and Coolidge.

June 4.—At 1.45 P. M., received a dispatch from Chief of Police, for the tug to proceed to a fire at Gibson's Point, Schuylkill; arrived there at 2.45 P. M.; went into service, and continued in service until 6.30 P. M.; the fire being under the control of the firemen, and our services not being required, tug returned to Pier 7, Delaware avenue.

June 6.—At 6 P. M., a drowned man was picked up at Pier 7, Richmond, by Delaware Harbor Police; Coroner notified.

June 8.—Tug up to the House of Correction with nine prisoners—seven males and two females.

June 8.—At 2.30 A. M., Officers Caseley and Curry found Michael and Hugh Duffey, brothers, aged 12 and 13 years, lying under some canvas at Almond Street wharf; they stated to the officers that they had been in this country about nine months from Ireland, and that they had no parents, friends, or home; Magistrate List committed them to the care of the Managers of the House of Refuge.

June 9.—At 8.30 A. M., tug proceeded to Rancocas creek and Delanco bridge; arrived at Delanco at 10.30 A. M.; commenced to grapple for the bodies of Robert R. Coster and Alfred Anderson, drowned on Saturday midnight, June 8th, from the steam yacht "Stella," sunk by coming in contact with the bridge; recovered the body of Coster; assisted in raising the yacht, and towed her to the Flats; did not recover the body of Anderson; tug returned to the city at 6.15 P. M., leaving the body of Coster in charge of the Coroner.

June 15.—At 6 P. M., Patrick Daley fell overboard at Pier 7, South Delaware avenue; was rescued from drowning by Officers Lynn and Curry.

June 20.—At 11 A. M., John Riest, aged 36 years, residing at Second and Green streets, backed his horse and cart overboard at Windmill Island; Riest and the horse were drowned; the body of Riest was recovered, and Coroner notified.

June 21.—A. M., a fire broke out at Kaighns' Point, Camden, N. J., destroying Joseph Baymore's spar shed and several dwelling-houses on Kaighns' Point avenue; tug proceeded to the fire, went into service, saving several properties, and putting out the fire; returned to the city at 1.30 P. M.

June 22.—Tug up to the House of Correction with seventeen prisoners—fourteen males and three females.

June 29.—Tug up to the House of Correction with three prisoners—two males and one female.

June 30.—George Burket, aged 38 years, was run over by his horse and wagon at Front and Walnut streets, and was seriously injured, receiving a compound fracture of one of his legs; sent to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

July 5.—At 7 P. M., William Fallowfield, a blind man, residing at No. 4 Short court, fell off Pier 8, Delaware avenue below Chestnut street, on to a scow, and broke his leg; sent to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

July 6.—Tug up to the House of Correction with nine prisoners—five males and four females.

July 11.—At 3 P. M., John Campbell, aged 39 years, residing No. 226 Poplar street, jumped off Pier No. 9, Delaware avenue; was rescued from drowning by Delaware Harbor Police.

July 12.—Tug left Pier No. 7, at 2.30 P. M., and proceeded to Point Breeze with three Deputy United States Marshals, having a warrant for the arrest of four sailors on a charge of deserting from the bark "Walraven;" tug arrived at the Point at 3.20 P. M., made the arrest, and returned to Pier No. 7 at 5.30 P. M.

July 16.—Tug up to the House of Correction with sixteen prisoners—fifteen males and one female.

July 17.—At 4.30 P. M., one of the Pennsylvania Railroad Floats got adrift; recovered by the Police Tug and returned to the Railroad's Tug "Jamesburg."

July 19.—At 5 P. M., the tug "W. S. Schaubel," with the brig "Mattie B. Russell" in tow; opposite Chestnut street wharf the tow line of the tug parted, leaving the brig unmanageable; run into the Baltimore steamboat "Weldon," doing her considerable damage.

July 19.—At 9.30 P. M., Walter Duffey, aged 20 years, residing at No. 1910 Trenton avenue, was drowned at Ridgway Park while bathing in one of the bathtubs; body recovered and Coroner notified.

July 20.—Tug up to the House of Correction with twenty-three prisoners—seventeen males and six females.

July 23.—Tug up to the House of Correction with Grand Jury.

July 24.—James Devlin, aged 35 years, residing at No. 232 Monroe street, was drowned while bathing at Hartney's landing, Camden, N. J.; grappled for the body, but did not succeed in recovering it.

July 24.—At 3 P. M., Michael Rafter, aged 34 years, assistant engineer of the steamship "Pottsville," residing at

Huntingdon and Salmon street, Richmond, was drowned at Pier No. 19, Richmond coal wharves; body recovered by officers Martin and Coolidge; Coroner notified.

August 2.—At 3.30 P. M., John Finney, aged 36 years, fell overboard off the barge "Maingus," at Pier No. 6, South Delaware avenue, and was drowned; body grappled for and recovered by Delaware Harbor Police.

August 3.—At 5 P. M., Frederick Snyder, aged 23 years, residing at Fifth and Girard avenue, was drowned at Arch street wharf; body recovered by Reddy Shannon; Coroner notified.

August 3.—Tug up to the House of Correction with seventeen prisoners—seven males and ten females.

August 4.—At 8.30 P. M., Rebecca Shepcott, aged 38 years, residing at No. 1249 Saren street, Kensington, was drowned at Ridgway Park; body grappled for by Delaware Harbor Police; did not succeed in recovering it.

August 6.—At 2.30 A. M., the schooner "Carrie Lye," Captain Hancock, lying at Marlborough street wharf, was boarded by thieves; a quantity of rigging and canvas was taken from the deck of the schooner and placed on the wharf; the captain, hearing some one on the deck, got out of his berth; on going on deck with his gun, the thieves, hearing the captain, became alarmed and made their escape, leaving their plunder behind; also a boat, a coat, and pair of shoes, the said being in the possession of the Delaware Harbor Police.

August 7.—At 5.45 A. M., the body of Rebecca Shapcott, drowned at Ridgway Park, was picked up by Wm. Gallagher, floating in the river opposite Reed street wharf; Coroner notified.

August 8.—At 10.30 tug proceeded to Greenwich Point, boarded the schooner "Nina Tilison," of Rockland, Maine, Capt. J. C. Ackhorn, and arrested Thomas Tobin, colored, aged 31 years, on a charge of committing assault and battery with intent to kill E. L. Coombs, mate of the schooner; defendant handed over to the United States Marshal.

August 10.—Tug up to the House of Correction with seven prisoners—five males and two females.

August 13.—At 7 P. M., Edward McLaughlin, aged 63 years, jumped overboard at Walnut street wharf; was rescued from drowning by the Delaware Harbor Police.

August 17.—Tug up to the House of Correction with eleven prisoners—six males and five females.

August 21.—Tug up to the House of Correction with Grand Jury.

August 24.—Tug up to the House of Correction with twelve prisoners—eight males and four females.

August 24.—At 9.30 P. M., an unknown woman, aged about 25 years, jumped overboard from the steamboat Ridgway Park, and was drowned.

August 24.—At 1.30 P. M., Asher Atkins, aged 26 years, fell overboard off the sail boat R. M. Fitz, off Maiden's Island, and was drowned.

August 25.—At 11.30 A. M., tug proceeded down the river to Maidens Island, to grapple for the body of Asher Atkins; on arriving at the Island found the body lying on the new made bar; returned to the city with the body, and notified the Coroner.

August 25.—At 3 P. M., Francis Bernard, aged 25 years, residing at Flemington, New Jersey, fell overboard at Pier 8, South Delaware avenue; was rescued from drowning by Delaware Harbor Police.

August 27.—The body of Lena Marohn, the unknown woman who jumped from the steamboat "Ridgway Park," on the twenty-fourth of August and drowned, was recovered by the Delaware Harbor Police; Coroner notified.

August 30.—J. T. Scherlock, aged 21 years, was drowned at Pier No. 55, Old Navy Yard; body recovered; Coroner notified.

August 30.—At 4.30 P. M., Andrew McConnell, aged 7 years, residing No. 2022 Meldred street, First Ward, was drowned at Greenwich Point: Harbor Police grappled for the body but did not succeed in recovering it.

August 31.—Tug up to the House of Correction with seven prisoners—four males and three females.

September 1.—At 2.25 A. M., a fire broke out at Dobson's rag store, No. 135 South Water street; the fire being slight the tug did not go into service.

September 3.—At 4 P. M., Philip Sigman, aged 19 years, residing at No. 148 West Dauphin street, Kensington, was drowned at Plumb street wharf, Delaware river; body recovered; Coroner notified.

September 6.—At 4 P. M., John Pote, aged 14 years, the

son of Henry Pote, one of the officers of the Delaware Harbor Police, was drowned at Timber creek; body recovered.

September 7.—At 6.30 P. M., Charles Barnes, aged 31 years, residing at No. 940 Race street, fell overboard at Pier 7 Delaware river; was rescued from drowning by Officer James Lynn, Delaware Harbor.

September 7.—Tug up to the House of Correction with eight prisoners—five males and three females.

September 7.—At 2.15 P. M., a fire broke out at Ridgway Park, destroying the gas house, and doing considerable damage to other property; tug proceeded to the fire, went into service, and continued until the fire was out.

September 14.—At 5.30 P. M., discovered a dense smoke at Greenwich point; tug proceeded to the point; the smoke proved to be a fire at Logan, Emory & Weaver's Linseed Oil Works; on account of the distance of the fire from the pier, tug did not get into service.

September 14.—At 8 P. M., George Greenwood, residing at the corner of Palethorp and Diamond streets, fell overboard at pier No. 7 South Delaware avenue; was rescued from drowning by Delaware Harbor Police.

September 14.—Tug up to the House of Correction with nine prisoners—six males and three females.

September 22.—Albert Clark was drowned off the tug-boat "Truro," below Chester.

September 27.—At 11.40 P. M., a fire broke out in the building occupied by George Campbell, of the Odorless Excavating Company, on George street, south of Market, below Front street, Camden, N. J.; the flames spread with great rapidity, and soon communicated to the building occupied by D. H. Erdman, and other properties; tug proceeded to the fire, run out a line of hose, and did effective work, and continued in service some three hours.

September 28.—Tug up to the House of Correction with twenty-five prisoners—nineteen males and six females.

September 30.—Tug up to the House of Correction with Grand Jury.

October 5.—Tug up to the House of Correction with twelve prisoners—eleven males and one female.

October 12.—Tug up to the House of Correction with nine prisoners—four males and five females.

October 19.—Tug up to the House of Correction with seven male prisoners.

October 22.—At 12.15 A. M., a fire broke out on William street, Port Richmond; tug proceeded to fire; it being under the control of the firemen, did not go into service.

October 24.—Tug up to the House of Correction with Grand Jury.

October 24.—At 4 P. M., a fire broke out at Barber & Perkins' store, No. 3 North Water street; tug proceeded to fire; the fire being under the control of the firemen, did not go into service.

October 26.—Tug up to the House of Correction with nine prisoners—six males and three females.

November 2.—Tug up to the House of Correction with eleven prisoners—eight males and three females.

November 4.—At 9.45 A. M., picked up the body of an unknown drowned man, floating in the river Delaware, opposite Queen street wharf; notified the Coroner.

November 8.—At 2 A. M., a fire broke out at Tunis's Cooper Shop, Swanson street, above Queen street; tug proceeded to fire, went into service, and continued eight hours, doing effective work.

November 9.—Tug up to the House of Correction with six prisoners—five males and one female.

November 11.—James Gallon, aged 50 years, with no home, was drowned at Pier 9, North Delaware avenue; body recovered; Coroner notified.

November 16.—Tug up to the House of Correction with nine prisoners—eight males and one female.

November 23.—Tug up to the House of Correction with four prisoners—three males and one female.

November 23.—At 6 P. M., an old man, about 65 years of age, fell overboard at Pier 7, South Delaware avenue; was rescued from drowning by Delaware Harbor Police; he refused to give his name or residence.

November 25.—Tug up to the House of Correction with Grand Jury.

November 28.—At 7.10 P. M., tug-boat "J. W. Cloud,"

lying at Christian street wharf, took fire; tug proceeded to Christian street wharf; the fire not doing any amount of damage, tug did not go into service.

November 28.—At 8.20 P. M., the tug-boat "S. E. C. Shaw," lying at Pine Street wharf, took fire; tug proceeded to the fire; the damage not amounting to much, did not go into service.

November 30.—Tug up to the House of Correction with six prisoners—three males and three females.

December 6.—Tug up to the House of Correction with thirty-three prisoners—twenty-nine males and four females.

December 7.—Tug up to the House of Correction with ten prisoners—nine males and one female.

December 8.—At 3.15 P. M., tug proceeded to Tinicum Island, to grapple for the body of Clifton Melick; was not successful in recovering the body; returned to the city at 5.30 P. M.

December 9.—Tug down to Tinicum Island, to grapple for the body of Clifton Melick; was not successful in recovering it; returned to the city at 3.30 P. M.

December 10.—At 5.45 A. M., a fire broke out on Penn street below Pine street; tug proceeded to Pine Street wharf; the fire being under control, did not go into service.

December 11 and 13.—Tug down the river to Tinicum Island, to grapple for the body of Clifton Melick; did not succeed in recovering it.

December 13.—At 6.20 P. M., Edward Johnson (colored), aged 35 years, residing at Ninth and Bainbridge streets, fell overboard at Pier 8; was rescued from drowning by Officer John Betzold, of the Delaware Harbor Police.

December 14.—Tug up to the House of Correction with six prisoners—five males and one female.

December 18.—Tug down the river in search of the body of Clifton Melick; did not succeed in finding it.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,

*Lieutenant of Delaware Harbor Police.*

*Report of the Lieutenant of the Delaware Harbor Police, for the year 1884, of the cases returned to Court for trial, and their disposition.*

Date of arrest.	Name.	By whom arrested.	Charge.	Ret'd by magistr'te	How disposed of.
Jan. 13	Daniel Glover.....	James Lynn.....	Vagrancy.....	South.....	6 months House of Correction.
Mar. 13	Richard Schrader....	James Lynn.....	Beyond the control of his parents.....	.....	Confined 3 days at Central Station, dis. by mag.
May 11	Michael Stafford.....	Edward Jenney..	Assault and battery.....	South.....	Case settled in Court.
26	James Flinn.....	James Martin....	Larceny.....	South.....	6 months County Prison.
26	Benjamin Tindal.....	James Martin....	Larceny.....	South.....	9 months County Prison.
June 8	Michael Duffey.....	James Currey....	Vagrancy.....	List.....	Committed to House of Refuge by magistrate.
8	Hugh Duffey.....	William Caseley..	Vagrancy.....	List.....	Committed to House of Refuge by magistrate.
Aug. 1	William W. Brown...	Edward Jenney..	Beyond the control of his parents.....	.....	Left in charge of beggar detectives by officer.
1	Charles Hubert.....	Edward Jenney..	Beyond the control of his parents.....	.....	Left in charge of beggar detectives by officer.
8	Thomas Tobin.....	G. Rittenhouse..	Assault and battery, with intent to kill...	.....	Taken before U. S. Commissioner, and comit'd.

GEORGE MOORE, *Lieutenant.*

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*Return of property, money, etc., received by the Delaware Harbor Police, for the year 1884.*

Date.	Articles.	Found.	Recovered by	Claimed by	Delivered to	By order of	Value.
Jan. 5	Barge, loaded with plaster.....	Adrift.....	Del. Harbor Police.	Capt. O'Neil.....	Capt. O'Neil.....	Lieut. Moore.....	\$3,500 00
April 27	Tuck-up clinker built skiff....	Stolen.....	Del. Harbor Police.	Charles M. Wells.....	C. M. Wells, Camden, N. J..	Lieut. Moore.....	50 00
July 26	Yawl boat.....	Stolen.....	Del. Harbor Police.	Capt. Malin.....	Capt. Malin.....	Lieut. Moore.....	25 00
Aug. 6	Yawl boat.....	Stolen.....	Del. Harbor Police.	John Vanderslice.....	John Vanderslice.....	Lieut. Moore.....	40 00
May 30	Twelve-foot yawl boat.....	Stolen.....	Del. Harbor Police.	George P. Stepham.....	George P. Stepham.....	Lieut. Moore.....	45 00
						Total.....	\$3,660 00

GEORGE MOORE, *Lieutenant.*

REPORT OF THE LIEUTENANT OF THE SCHUYL-  
KILL HARBOR POLICE, FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1884.

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January 2.—About 1 o'clock A. M., tool house of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the South street bridge, west side of the Schuylkill river, burned, with all its contents.

January 5.—The tug Samuel G. King kept the channel open on the Schuylkill to Gray's Ferry bridge, so the coal barges carrying coal for the Gas Works could get to the Works.

January 6.—Tug cut a channel in the ice from the Callowhill street bridge to Gray's Ferry, so the tug Falcon could get up the river with two canal barges loaded with coal for the Almshouse.

January 7.—Tug cut the coal barges loose at the Spring Garden Gas Works wharf, so they could unload the coal; also, the coal barges at Pine street wharf, for Mr. McBride.

January 7. While the tug was releasing from ice the coal barges loaded with coal belonging to Mr. McBride, a bolt holding the chocks on the rudder post broke, and let the chocks drop and come in contact with the propeller, and broke two floats off the propeller.

January 9.—About 1 o'clock this P. M., a freshet occurred in the river; the water rose to the top of the wharves; the wrecking boxes belonging to Moore & Myers were carried on top of an old wreck on the flats, on the west side of the river, off Vine street; the tug was called on, and pulled them to a place of safety.

January 10.—At 12 o'clock this M., the canal boat Thomas, lying at Market Street Gas Works wharf, with a cargo of tar in bulk, was in a dangerous position, as there was not water enough to float her at low tide; she was removed to Locust street wharf by the tug.

January 18.—The tug cut the ice on the Schuylkill river from Callowhill street bridge to Gray's Ferry bridge, so the coal barges with coal for the Gas Works could get up the river.

January 21.—Tug cut the ice in the river for the tug *Falcon*, so she could get down the river.

January 21.—Cut the ice from around the coal barges owned by Michael Agen, so he could unload the coal which the barges were loaded with.

January 22.—The tug broke the ice in the river from Vine street wharf to Gray's Ferry bridge; the bolts that held the rudder chocks on the rudder post broke, and the chocks were lost, they having dropped off in the river somewhere.

January 26.—Tug made several trips through the ice from Vine street wharf to Gray's Ferry, so tugs could get up the river with coal barges and other vessels.

January 27.—About 4.15 this P. M., James Brown, aged 34 years, a sailor, fell off of the boom of the bark "*N. Mosher*," lying at Point Breeze, and was drowned; the Schuylkill Harbor Police grappled for the body.

February 3.—About 5.30 this P. M., James Donnelly, aged 10 years, residing at 2340 Callowhill street, broke through the ice at Callowhill street bridge and was drowned; his body was recovered at 11.30 P. M., by officers Pryor and Williams, of the Schuylkill Harbor.

February 4.—At 2.45 this P. M., the body of James Brown, the sailor who was drowned off the bark "*N. Mosher*," of Liverpool, was recovered by officers Lilley and Wilson.

February 14.—About 11.30 this A. M., picked up the body of an unknown man floating in the river off Alter street wharf, Schuylkill; Coroner notified.

February 20.—About 7.30 this P. M., Mr. Rush, residing at Twenty-first and Winter streets, was prevented from walking overboard at Vine street wharf by officer Vance, of the Schuylkill Harbor Police.

February 25.—Tug proceeded down the river with Mr. Foy, of the Reading Railroad Company, and the Committee of Port Wardens, to view the site for the new bridge of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Number of passengers, 25.

March 13.—About 10.30 this A. M., received information that the dead body of an unknown colored infant was lying on the lot at Twenty-fourth and Carlton streets; sent officer Lilley to bring it to the boat, and notify the Coroner.

March 17.—About 9 o'clock this A. M., officers Lilley and Wilson arrested George Cooper and James Hodge, at Twenty-

fourth and Vine streets, for the larceny of a brass beam, the property of Bregner & O'Brine, valued at twelve dollars.

March 17.—Magistrate C. Brown committed Geo. Cooper and James Hodge to the House of Correction.

March 18.—About 2.30 this P. M., Bernard Samuel, aged 19 years, living in a German lodging house, at No. 419 South Seventh street, attempted to take his life while suffering from intermittent fever, by throwing himself into the Schuylkill river from the upper deck of the Callowhill street bridge; he was rescued from drowning by William Claws.

March 21.—Tug went to Point Breeze with Mr. Patterson and friend, of the Board of Health. Two passengers.

March 26.—Tug was hauled out at Cooper's Point ship-yard and new wheel put on and bottom painted.

March 27.—While the schooner "Elm City" was being towed through South street bridge draw, she came in collision, carrying away her fore-mast, main, and fore-top-masts, bowsprit and jibboom; the bridge was also considerably damaged.

April 1.—About 2 o'clock this P. M., the body of an unknown man was picked up floating in the river Schuylkill at Point Breeze; Coroner notified.

April 3.—About 9.45 this P.M., officer Lilley found a basket containing a colored boy baby, about two months old, in the entry of 1131 Vine street; it was taken to the Sheltering Arms.

April 8.—About 3.30 P. M., tug proceeded to Point Breeze Gas Works with Committee on Gas, of the Trustees. Nine persons.

April 8.—Some time this P. M., William Serty, age 12 years, residing at 2632 Callowhill street, was drowned in the river Schuylkill, below Callowhill street bridge; his body was recovered by officer Wilson, at 9.30 P. M., and Coroner notified.

April 15.—About 6.15 this P. M., William Crawford came up the river in a small boat and went to the lumber raft lying at Harrison's wharf, and removed the lines from off the raft. He was arrested by the harbor police, and he being one of the party that had the raft in charge, was released by the lieutenant.

April 25.—Tug proceeded along the river front with Committee of Councils to view the site of the new drive.

April 27.—About 10 o'clock this A. M. picked up the body of Isabella Loughlin floating in the river at Chestnut street wharf, west side; Coroner notified.

May 2.—About 5 o'clock this P. M., Timothy Mullen, age 25 years, was removed from the canal boat "Adelina," by the Schuylkill Harbor Police, and placed in the Philadelphia Hospital; he was suffering with typhoid fever, and had no medical treatment.

May 2.—About 1.30 P. M., John McLaughlin and his wife came up the river in a small boat from Eastwick's, where they reside; and when John was getting out of the boat it went adrift, with his wife in it; she was picked up by the Schuylkill Harbor Police, and taken to Gibson's Point, where she resides.

May 12.—About 7.30 this P. M., Robert Robinson, age 25 years, residing at Twenty-third and Hare streets, attempted suicide by jumping into the Schuylkill river off Toner's wharf; he was rescued by some boatmen, and sent to his home.

May 12.—Officers Wilson and Hampson picked up adrift a single shell boat off Race street wharf; they took it to the Swan Barge Club House for safe keeping.

May 17.—Tug was transferred to the Delaware Harbor, and the tug "William S. Stokley" to the Schuylkill Harbor, by orders of the Chief of Police.

May 18.—About 10 o'clock, Officer Lilley picked up the body of an infant at South street bridge, on the west side of the river, lying in the marsh; Coroner notified.

May 18.—About 4.30 this P. M., John Dempsey, age 49 years, residing at 1609 Latona street, was drowned in the Schuylkill river, below Gray's Ferry bridge; the Harbor Police grappled for the body.

May 20.—About 9.15 this A. M., Officers Lilley and Wilson recovered the body of John Dempsey, who was drowned on the 18th, and it was taken to his late residence, 1609 Latona street; Coroner notified.

May 23.—About 10.15 this P. M., fire broke out at the Philadelphia Refinery, Point Breeze, caused by being struck by lightning.

May 24.—Tug went in service at the fire of the Philadelphia Refining Company on May 24, and remained in service

until 4.30 P. M. May 27, having two lines of hose with a lead of 1,600 feet each, playing two streams on the fire.

May 24.—5 o'clock this P. M., Bertie Moland, aged 15 years, residing at No. 3611 Baring street, while bathing at Willow street wharf, was drowned; his body was recovered by Officers Lilley and Wilson at 7.30 P. M., and taken to his late residence; Coroner notified.

May 25.—John G. Allegaert, aged 14 years, residing at No. 40 North Broad street, fell overboard and was drowned while rowing on the Schuylkill river from Point Breeze, by the upsetting of the boat; his body was recovered by John Hobbs and sent home; Coroner notified.

May 26.—The body of an unknown drowned man was picked up off Race street wharf, Schuylkill river; Coroner notified.

May 27.—Tug "William S. Stokley" returned to Sansom street wharf, from the fire of the coal oil works of the Philadelphia Refinery Company, and received orders from Captain Schooley, acting chief, to go out of service.

June 2.—At 5.50 this P. M., the double team and wagon belonging to G. P. Ruter, residing at Front and York streets, and having a load of ten bales of straw and ten bags of wheat on, caught fire while crossing the Chestnut street bridge; the team and wagon were saved from burning by the Schuylkill Harbor Police, but the straw and wheat were destroyed.

June 3.—At 5 o'clock this A. M., John Hicks, aged 18 years, residing at Twenty-seventh and South streets, was arrested by the Schuylkill Harbor Police at Sansom street wharf, for the larceny of marble from the Vermont Marble Company's yard; he was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Randall.

June 4.—11.50, flames were discovered issuing from the boiler-house of Malcolm Lloyd's refineries at Gibson's Point; the flames spread rapidly, and in a short time the large warehouse, in which refined oil in barrels and cases were stored, was destroyed; a stiff breeze was blowing in the direction of Bosshardt & Wilson's large shipping shed, which was also destroyed; the tug "William S. Stokley" went into service at 3 o'clock P. M., and stayed in service until 8 o'clock next day, and returned to Sansom street wharf.

June 9.—About 7.10 this A. M., Henry Forker, aged 38 years, attempted suicide at the Almshouse wharf; he was res-

cued by Officer Williams, of the Schuylkill Harbor Police, and taken to the Almshouse, where he resided.

June 9.—About 8 o'clock this P. M., received information that William Kirk, aged 10 years, was drowned at the Willow wharf.

June 13.—William Kirk, the boy that was reported to have been drowned at the Woodland wharf on the 9th of June, has been found in the streets at Stroudsburg, Pa.

June 21.—About 8 o'clock this P. M., John Dugan, aged 25 years, residing at No. 2709 Federal street, was drowned at the Woodland wharf; his body was recovered June 22, by the Schuylkill Harbor Police, and the Coroner notified.

June 23.—At 5.25 this P. M., a slight fire occurred on the Abattoir wharf under some cattle cars, caused by loose bark taking fire; it was extinguished by the Schuylkill Harbor Police without damage to the cars.

June 26.—About 10.30 this A. M., the dead body of an infant was found at Locust street wharf, Schuylkill river, by Officers Williams and Vance; Coroner notified.

June 26.—About 4 o'clock this P. M., the body of a man supposed to be Peter Leonard, a Pennsylvania Railroad foreman; he resided on Cuthbert street, above Fifteenth street, and had been in the employ of M. J. Meeney; the Coroner took charge of the body.

June 30.—About 7 o'clock this P. M., the body of John Peoples, who had been missing since the 27th of June, was found floating in the Schuylkill river, at Race Street wharf.

July 1.—About 2 o'clock, A. M., the schooner "Agnes R. Bacon," of Bridgeton, N. J., lying at Spruce street wharf, Schuylkill, was robbed of hawsers and lines, valued at about \$50; property recovered; captain of schooner, Alfred Haley.

July 23.—John Reagen, aged 8 years, residing at 605 South Twentieth street, was found on the South street dump, with both feet poisoned; he was taken to the University Hospital and treated, and then taken home; the poison was placed on the dump from some chemical works unknown; he was taken home by Officers Nash and Seyferhelt.

July 26.—About 3.30 this P. M., George Duffer, aged 11 years, residing 2710 Federal street, fell off Grays' Ferry bridge; fractured his thigh and otherwise injured; taken to the University Hospital by Officers McKelvey and Vance, of the Schuylkill Harbor.

August 1.—About 5.30 this A. M., fire broke out at the rink, Twenty-third and Chestnut streets, which was destroyed; and some of the surrounding property; tug being out of service, run out line of hose to plug, Twenty-fourth street above Sansom street; was in service ten minutes before the Fire Department arrived.

August 1.—About 4.30 this P. M., Officer McKelvey found Daniel Mullen, aged 53 years, lying on the wharf under the Market street bridge; he was sick, and had been lying there from July 31, and had nothing to eat; he was removed to the Philadelphia Hospital.

August 4.—About 4.45 last P. M., Andrew Livingstone, aged 19 years, residing at 2606 Kansas street, fell overboard at Christian street wharf, Schuylkill river, and was drowned; the body was recovered by the Schuylkill Harbor Police, and Coroner notified.

August 5.—About 1.25 last P. M., Hugh Early, aged 45 years, residing 3004 Chestnut street, fell overboard from a coal barge lying on the west side of the Schuylkill river; he was rescued from drowning by Officers Nash and Lilley, of the Schuylkill Harbor.

August 6.—Charles O. Bunes, aged 50 years, residing at No. 793 South Front street, fell overboard from the brig "Motley," of which he was mate, in the Schuylkill river on August 4th; the body was found August 6th, at Penrose Ferry bridge, by the Schuylkill Harbor Police Officers Nash and Wilson; Coroner notified.

August 9.—About 10.45 P. M., the coal boat belonging to Charles Gallagher, loaded with ninety tons of coal, lying at Sansom street wharf, west side of Schuylkill river, sunk.

August 10.—About 4.20 this P. M., James McCalim, aged 23 years, residing at Twenty-fourth and Spring Garden streets, upset from a small boat on the Schuylkill river; he was rescued by the Harbor Police.

August 14.—About 1.15 P. M., Leewy McFeeley, aged 10 years, residing at No. 3005 Girard avenue, was drowned above Callowhill street bridge, west side; the body was recovered by Officers Nash and Wilson, and taken home; Coroner notified.

August 19.—About 11 o'clock this A. M., the body of an unknown drowned man was found floating in Locust street dock by the Harbor Police; dressed in dark gray suit, con-

gress gaiters, sack coat, sandy mustache; about 35 years of age; Coroner notified.

August 20.—About 11.30 last. P. M., picked up adrift a scow painted red, owned by Patrick Cannon.

August 21.—2.20 this P. M., R. H. Smith, residing in rear of No. 1132 Pine street, was injured by a team of horses falling on him while he was working in a ditch at Eighteenth and Rittenhouse streets; Officer Nash telegraphed for the Pennsylvania ambulance, and he was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

August 25.—About 12.30 this P. M., the body of an unknown drowned man was found floating in the Schuylkill river, at Vine street wharf; body was dressed in brown and white striped jumper, plaid shirt, brown plaid pants, buckled shoes, black hair, gray mustache, chin whiskers; about 50 years of age; black and white straw hat found on wharf; body recovered by Officer Sankey.

August 31.—About 9 o'clock this P. M., Mrs. Mulheran, residing at No. 2320 Sansom street, attempted to commit suicide by jumping overboard at Sansom street wharf, Schuylkill river, but was prevented by Officer Pryor and Pilot McClellan, and taken to her home.

September 3.—About 4.20 this A. M., the tug "Falcon," lying at South street wharf, caught fire and was burned to water edge; loss \$3,000, insured for \$1,000.

September 6.—Tug "William S. Stokley" was delivered to McBeagley, for repairs, by Lieutenant W. H. Francis.

September 28.—About 3 o'clock this P. M., Officers Vance and Pryor picked up a man named P. F. McGurk, 48 years of age, lying on the marsh, suffering from an injured foot and lacerated wound of scalp; he was taken to the University Hospital and had his wounds dressed.

October 5.—Officers Nash and Wilson recovered a small scow, loaded with coal, that had been stolen from canal boat "Centennial," lying at Sansom street wharf; the coal was consigned to Moyer & Kirk.

October 7.—About 2.45 this P. M., Officers Nash and Wilson arrested Thomas O'Brien at Twenty-fifth and Pine streets, for robbing the schooner "Agnes R. Bacon," of Bridgeton, N. J.

October 22.—About 11 o'clock this A. M., Officer John Nash, of Schuylkill Harbor Police, and Special Officer Charles Kenney, of the Eleventh District, arrested Peter J. O'Rourke, aged 50 years, residing at No. 2057 Pemberton street, on the charge of forgery, obtaining money under false pretence, and conspiracy; held in \$1,800 bail by Magistrate McClintock.

October 28.—About 2 o'clock this P. M., John Husen was taken to the University Hospital with lacerated wound in head, received at Christian street wharf, from an assault by parties unknown.

October 30.—About 6.45 this A. M., C. Brown was in the act of walking overboard at Sansom street wharf, Schuylkill river, and was prevented by Lieutenant Francis; he refused to give his residence.

November 15.—About 1.30 this P. M., the canal barge "Conewince" while in tow with tug "Champion," struck trestle work at new Market street bridge, and stove her bow in and sunk.

November 17.—About 2 o'clock this A. M., Maggie Sheehan, aged 40 years, no home, partly deranged and helpless, was found at Pine street wharf, Schuylkill river, by Officers Nash and Hampson; taken to Fifth District Station.

December 8.—About 9 o'clock this A. M., Officer Seyferhelt arrested a young man giving his name as George Fox, aged 15 years, residing at Percy and Diamond streets, for tapping the till of Aaron Reinherer, residing 529 Poplar street; held in \$800 bail by Magistrate Becker.

December 16.—The tug Samuel G. King was returned to Lieutenant Francis, for duty on Schuylkill river.

December 20.—The Schuylkill river was frozen over last night for first time this winter.

December 25.—Chief of Police Stewart sends the season's greetings—expresses the hope that every member of the force may enjoy a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

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