

were apprehended while in the act of committing the offense for which arrested. Cars responded to calls involving 741 automobile accidents, 607 alarms of fire, conveyed 218 injured to hospitals, rescued 3 persons from drowning, 13 from death by illuminating gas, and recovered 100 stolen automobiles.

The effective work accomplished by radio patrol demonstrates the necessity for increasing the size of this division so that eventually cars will patrol the entire city, making possible discontinuance of the present method of post duty by patrolmen and their assignment for service on main thoroughfares or otherwise as circumstances warrant. However, I regret to inform you that, although included in our estimate of expenses, the Board of Estimates failed to appropriate any money for new equipment and of course our plans will be deferred until the necessary funds are provided. The Division is operated and patrolled exclusively by members of the regular force and it has not been necessary to employ outside assistance for any purpose.

On two occasions, it was necessary to call on the Department for additional service due to the following causes:

Statistics compiled for the month of January disclosed an increase in cases involving burglary, larceny, petty hold-ups, etc., and as a result, the force, on February 18th, was placed on twelve-hour shifts. Conditions gradually cleared and on April 1st, all men were returned to their regular tour of duty.

On December 1st, as a result of information that members of the International Longshoremen's Union intended to prevent the unloading of the steamship "Commercial Alabam," which was due to dock at the Pennsylvania Railroad Company Pier No. 6, Clinton Street, it was necessary to assign a sufficient number of officers to prevent rioting and protect persons and property. On the morning of December 2nd, quite a number of members associated with the Union attempted to break through our lines, but they were repulsed and some were arrested. The boat was finally loaded under the supervision of its owners and sailed that night without further trouble.

This extra service was rendered wholeheartedly and I am under many obligations for the loyal support evidenced by all members of the Department.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES D. GAITHER,

*Police Commissioner.*