

# BOOTH'S SOLDIERS UNDER FIRE

## Camden Citizens Make Formal Complaint to the Mayor.

### NOISY MEETINGS DENOUNCED

**A Mysterious Thief Pays a Leisurely Visit to Richard Esterbrook's House and Walks Away Unmolested — News Throughout the State.**

The soldiers of General Booth's Salvation Army, who are located in the rooms formerly occupied by the Camden Press Club, at 131 Federal street, will soon have to give legal battle to citizens near their barracks. The latter have opened an attack on them and the belief is that the outcome will be that the soldiers will have to seek other quarters.

With a view of getting rid of this army the citizens have sent a petition to Mayor Pratt in which they ask his Honor to "abate the nightly nuisance maintained by a body of religious cranks known as the Salvation Army, whose barracks are at 139 Federal street. The scenes are disgraceful and sacrilegious," the neighbors say, "and a farce on religion.

The loud beating of a bass drum, mingled with the yells of the leader and converts under the influence of great excitement, attracts vast crowds of people, among whom are disorderly characters and people of questionable character. They not only interfere with business in the neighborhood, but fights are of frequent occurrence and decent people are afraid of passing along the streets for fear of being insulted. The barracks are also the resort of many young girls whom your petitioners aver are contaminated by associations with disreputable characters who hide their evil intentions under the cloak of religion."

The Mayor has not as yet decided what action he will take, but the signers say that if he fails to act they will appeal to a higher tribunal.

#### A SNEAK THIEF ON HIS ROUNDS.

At noon, yesterday, a thief was discovered coming out of the residence of Richard Esterbrook, the pen manufacturer, at Second and Penn streets. He was seen by a little child, while coming out with an arm full of clothing. She gave the alarm, but before the police arrived he escaped. The police are of the opinion that this man and the Wolston burglar are the same. Everything in the Esterbrook house was turned inside out. It is impossible to tell the amount taken, as the family are away for the summer.

#### SOME BRIEF NOTES.

The Fire Commissioners have discharged Fireman Veight, of No. 2 Company, for insubordination.

An execution on a judgment for \$3,000, held by C. Howard Hunt against William Hunt & Sons, was placed in the hands of Sheriff West yesterday. The latter firm manufacture carriages.

Herbert Ripley, aged 9 years, a son of Policeman Ripley, was badly injured by a cake of ice from an ice wagon falling on him. He was removed to the Cooper Hospital.

Thomas E. Burton, of 438 Kaigon avenue, was stricken with paralysis yesterday while walking on the street.

The Law and Order Society of Stockton township have sent a communication to Sheriff West, asking him to remit one-half of the fines imposed on the liquor dealers who were convicted at the last term of court through their efforts. Under the law they are entitled to one-half of the fine in each case in which they are the informers.

The barber shop of James Smith, of Gloucester, was broken into early yesterday morning and some shaving implements were stolen.