

ESPANTOONS AS LIFE-LINE

Policemen Use Them To Pull Sailor Out Of Long Dock.

Espantoons are given to police officers as weapons of defense, but last evening Patrolmen Gladden and Thomas, Central district, saved Walter Andrews, a sailor, from drowning by means of their clubs. Andrews was pursuing his somewhat uncertain way along the coping of Long Dock, when he lost his balance and fell into the water.

Patrolmen Gladden and Thomas, who were standing near, heard the splash and, guided by Andrews' cries for help, ran to the spot and saw the man struggling in the dark water. There was no rope or pole at hand, and the officers were for a moment at a loss to think of how to save the man. Then they remembered their espantoons and, lying down flat on the wharf, the officers reached their clubs down to Andrews.

The half-drowned man seized hold of the emblem of authority and was drawn up to the wharf. He was taken to the City Hospital in the Central district patrol wagon and by means of a stomach pump was relieved of a large quantity of harbor water and other foreign liquids. He soon recovered.

Mr. Di Giorgio As Life-Saver.

Mr. Joseph Di Giorgio, of the Di Giorgio Fruit Company, rescued Charles Trimble, 15 years old, South and Pratt streets, an employe of the company, from drowning about 5 o'clock last night. Trimble, who was unloading bananas from the steamer Aralon, at Bowly's Wharf, fell into the water. He was pulled out by Mr. Di Giorgio and escaped with nothing worse than a wetting.

Laborer Drowned In Long Dock.

Joseph Fisher, a negro laborer, whose home is on Warner street, near Conway street, fell into Long dock while helping to load coal on the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company's steamship Essex about 9 o'clock yesterday morning and was drowned. Fisher was pushing a wheelbarrow full of coal across a gang-plank, and the wheelbarrow struck against an obstruction, throwing Fisher into the water.