

PRICE ONE CENT.

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1899.

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ILLEGALLY HELD.

Occupants of a Harlem Flat Driven Into the Night by Fire.

Fainting Women Carried Out on Stretchers—One Fireman Hurt.

Armory of Company B (Seventy-first Regiment) Totally Destroyed.

Police-stricken women and children and white-faced men hurried out of the flats on the northeast corner of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Seventh avenue, about 1 o'clock this morning.

Justice McMahon Sees the Injustice and Orders the Boy's Release.

The Juvenile Asylum Authorities Refuse to Honor the Court's Order.

Heyman Shapiro, a sixteen-year-old boy, who is the chief support of his poor parents, is an inmate of the New York Juvenile Asylum.

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A PLAN PERFECTED.

The World's Fair Finance Sub-Committee Completes Its Labors.

Special Meeting Called for To-morrow to Indorse It.

Important Gathering at Calvin S. Brice's House this Morning.

This morning William Steiway, of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee of Finance of the World's Fair, requested Chairman Babcock to call a meeting of the full Finance Committee at the Chamber of Commerce for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to indorse the perfected plan of the Sub-Committee for subscriptions for the great Exposition.

This plan was completed at the residence of Calvin S. Brice, between midnight yesterday and 2 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Steiway declined to make public until it had been approved by the full Finance Committee.

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Lineman Feeks's Death the Basis for Investigation of the Wires.

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LAST EDITION.

THE RIPPER.



Mrs. McIlvaine.

There were two men in the court-room to-day. The witness, Mrs. McIlvaine, the wife of the defendant, Charles McIlvaine, who was charged with the murder of Christian W. Luca, formed one, and the parents and sisters of young McIlvaine formed the other.

They were seated in two rows of benches, and on one of those benches sat two young, smiling, sun-browned girls, who were the daughters of the defendant.

The girls were dressed in simple, neat, and becoming attire, and they were the only women in the court-room who were not members of the family.

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