BLAZING LIQUID.

A Dangerous Fire in the Consolidated Gas Works.

Two Naphtha Tanks Exploded Early This Morning.

One Man Fatally Burned and Another Severely Injured.

One of the most dangerous of all the stubborn fires the firemen have had to battle with since the new alarm system went into operation confronted them this morning.

At 4 o'clock a naphtha tank burst in the pump-house of the Consolidated Gas Works, on Avenue A, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second street, and the house caught fire.

The injured were:

JAMES DEVOE, forty-three years old, of 332 East Twenty-first street, burned so badly that he died at Bellevue Hospital later.

—— KEEFE, burned, but went to his home unaided.

The whole block from the avenue to the river is filled with gas and naphtha tanks, the latter, to a great extent, sunk in the ground. The pump-house is a two-story building near the river end of the block.

There were two elevated sheet-iron tanks in the building, each containing, it was said, one thousand gallons of the fluid, that is, so to speak, nothing but liquid fire in a raw state, in the same sense that powder or dynamite is really fire in bulk. From this naphtha the gas is made by an easy transition to the vrpory form.

James Devoe was the pump-tender on duty. He is forty-three years old and lives at 332 East Twenty-first street.

How the naphtha caught fire is a mystery that may never be solved. The one man who could throw light on it, perhaps, lies unconscious in Bellevue Hospital, if, indeed, he is not already dead.

At all events one of the tanks in the pump-house did catch fire and exploded promptly. The other followed suit.

The pump-tender was covered with the blazing fluid that flew in every direction. His clothes were afire, when some of the other workmen in the grounds who ran up at the first warning of danger, dragged him away from the door where he had fallen.

When they tore the clothes from his body the skin came off with them in strips, exposing the raw flesh. Unconsciousness mercifully came to the relief of the man, whose horrible agony made his comrades turn faint and sick.

He was taken to Bellevue Hospital senseless, where he died at 9 o'clock.

Another workman named Keefe was touched by the scorching liquid and was also burned, but not badly. He went to his home unaided.

The night-watchman had turned in an alarm the instant of the explosion.

The first firehan who came in sight of the burning building made haste to sound the call for reserves, and twelve engine companies and four hook and ladder trucks gathered about the block in less time than it takes to tell it.

The tenements all about woke up, and the police drew lines across the streets to keep back the anxious crowds.

Many of the people who turned out to watch the fire had friends or kinsmen working in the gas-houses. All were afraid of their dangerous neighbor.

The firemen had a hard and dangerous fight before them.

Chief Bonner and his Assistant Chief Reilly came down and took personal charge. The best they could do was to limit the area of the fire, and this they did successfully.

None of the other tanks exploded, though at first it seemed hardly possible to prevent this.

The naphtha in the two wrecked tanks burned over two hours before the fire was finally extinguished, and the firemen had more than once to retreat in haste before its fiery flood, but never far.

They dammed it up within a living wall, through which it vainly struggled to break. When it had finally raged and burned itself out they drew a long breath of relief.

The twenty men at work on the grounds, under Foreman O'Connell, gave them what help they could.

The loss is put by the firemen at $1,000.

Other Early Fires.

A fire on the third floor of the building, 93 and 95 Sixth avenue, occupied by Samuel Moses, dealer in liquors, did $400 damage early this morning.

At midnight a gas jet set fire to a canopy over a bed in the room of Louis Randell, on the third floor of 1094 Washington street. The house caught fire and was damaged $100.

A fire in William Benedict's room at 121 East Ninety-second street at midnight, did $50 damage, and a chimney fire in the tenement at 208 West Thirty-sixth street at daybreak, caused a like loss.

PARK RESERVOIR ALMOST FULL.

Only Two and a Half Feet More Water Required.

Two and one-half feet more of water will completely fill the Central Park reservoir, and it is expected that this additional depth will be gained by Saturday.

The great draught on Croton Lake is rapidly lowering that reservoir, notwithstanding 75,000,000 gallons are poured into it daily from the Boyd's Corners and Middle Branch storage reservoirs, besides the natural drainage into the lake and the Croton River.

The water in the lake was, this morning, forty-two inches below the crest of the dam, and the effluvia arising from the exposed shores is said to be very noisome.

In order to fill the lake the supply sent through the new aqueduct has been reduced from 75,000,000 to 50,000,000 gallons.

There were 27½ feet of water in the Forty-second street reservoir at 8 o'clock this morning.

TRAPPED BY ESCAPING GAS.

A Fruit Seller Nearly Smothered to Death in His Stand.

Gas leaked into the fruit stand at 147 Delancey street in which Angelo Angelio, a young Italian who has no other home, slept last night.

When a passing policeman sniffed danger and burst in the door of the stand he found the Italian senseless. He sent for an ambulance, and the man recovered under proper care.

$8,000 IN A GARBAGE BARREL.

The Find Made by an Ashman at Ex-Secretary Whitney's House.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

NEWPORT, R. I., July 23.—An ashman found a check for $8,000 yesterday in ex-Secretary Whitney's garbage barrel at his Summer residence here.

The check was in a sealed envelope and [illegible] to Mrs. Whitney.

FOREIGN NEWS BY CABLE.

M. Eiffel's Great Scheme for Paris Rapid Transit.

Better Advices To-Day from the Argentine Republic.

M. Eiffel's Scheme of Rapid Transit for Paris.

(DUNLAP'S CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

PARIS, July 23.—The Metropolitan Railway scheme for this city, proposed by M. Eiffel and now being considered by the Town Council, contemplates the construction of a road that for five miles of its length will be underground, more than half a mile on the surface and nearly a mile and a half elevated on an iron arcade.

The block system will be adopted.

It is also proposed to have the electric lighting of the tunnels done by machines worked by the motors used for ventilating purposes.

There will be only two classes of carriages; those for workingmen being run morning and evening. For these, return tickets will be issued, costing four cents.

Viscount Dunlo's Divorce Suit Begun To-Day.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

LONDON, July, 23.—The well-advertised divorce suit between Viscount Dunlo and his wife, the Belle Bilton, of music hall fame, came on for hearing this morning.

The court-room was besieged by spectators.

Lady Dunlo accompanied by her sister, also well known as a music hall performer, arrived at 10.15.

Lord Dunlo came soon after in company with his counsel, Sir Charles Russell.

The latter, in opening the case, referred very severely to the co-respondent, Wertheimer, the dissolute son of a Wardour street curio dealer, who, he said, was much older than the youthful husband (meaning Lord Dunlo), who had been sent out of the country by his father for his indiscreet marriage.

A number of Lady Dunlo's letters were produced in court. She admitted that she had gone with Wertheimer, but protested her innocence of things alleged in the complaint.

To Reduce Travelling Time Between London and Paris.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

PARIS, July 23.—Arrangements are now being made that will considerably reduce the time for the journey between this city and London.

It is expected that the distance will soon be made in six and three-quarter hours.

Asking the Queen to Stop Her Sunday Concerts.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

LONDON, July 23.—The Lord's Day Observance Society has asked the Queen to order the cessation of the Sunday concerts given on the East Terrace at Windsor Castle by a military band.

Better Advices Concerning Conspiracy in the Argentine Republic.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, July 23.—Better advices from Buenos Ayres concerning the alleged discovery of a conspiracy against the Government have caused an improvement in South American bonds on this market.

From Montevidio comes the announcement that the Uruguayan customs are to be raised 10 per cent. and made payable in gold.

Father Confessor Wins the Liverpool Cup from a Fine Field.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, July 23.—At the Liverpool July Meeting the event of the day was the race for the Liverpool Cup, which had a fine field and a large crowd in attendance.

Father Confessor was the winner, with L'Abbesse de Jouarre second and Shall-We-Remember third.

BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS.

A Dissolute Husband Shoots Himself at His Wife's Door.

Martin Von Kessler, aged fifty-two, shot himself dead in front of the tenement 403 East Nineteenth street this morning.

Von Kessler was a hard drinker and had not lived at home for a long time. He shot himself in front of his wife's door. She is the janitress of the Children's Aid Society school across the street.

Van Kessler would repeatedly come home drunk and repeatedly threatened to kill her.

This morning when she had just returned from taking a party of young excursionists from the school to the country Von Kessler rang the door-bell of the house.

One of the sons opened the door and seeing his father on the step with a pistol in his hand shut the door in his face.

With the clang of the door there rang out the report of the pistol. Von Kessler had shot himself in the back of the head, dying where he fell.

NO PARK REPORT YET.

Commissioner Barker in Town, but He Refuses to Talk.

Commissioner of Accounts E. P. Barker, who prepared the report on the management of the Park Department, and who has been credited with the intention of resigning because of Mayor Grant's apparent unwillingness to receive the report, returned from Stony Creek, Conn., this morning.

His colleague, Commissioner Holahan, said yesterday that the report would probably be sent to the Mayor to-day, but Commissioner Barker would not confirm this statement, nor had the document reached the City Hall at noon to-day.

He refused to affirm or deny the rumor that he contemplated resigning, and was silent as Mayor Grant as to the reasons for holding back the report, which is said to be disparaging to the administration of President Gallup.

FOUR KILLED IN A COLLISION

Two Heavy Freight Trains Clash Together at a Curve.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

MILWAUKEE, July 23.—It is learned that four men were killed yesterday, near Tigerton, by a collision of freight trains on the Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western Railroad.

The accident occurred at a sharp curve.

The dead are Firemen Sims and Beckley, Brakeman Seymour and another trainman unknown. Engineers William Lang and John Ryan were badly hurt.

Local News in Brief.

There will be music at Tompkins Square at 8 o'clock to-night by Leibold's Twelfth Regiment Band.

Thirteen newsboys were found sleeping in the corridors of big buildings on Park Row early this morning, and arrested by Agent Finn, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Edward W. Bok, editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, will sail to-morrow for an extended tour through Europe. It is not unlikely that Mr. Bok will receive considerable attention from the famous literary people he is to meet, as he goes freighted with letters of introduction from prominent Americans to some of the most [illegible]

POLICE GUARD THE STABLES.

Trouble Anticipated from Beattie's Striking Laborers.

1,500 Street Department Employees Expected to Go Out To-Day.

Police Sergt. Pickett and a detail of fifteen patrolmen are on guard at the Street-Cleaning Department stables, foot of East Seventeenth street, in anticipation of trouble with Commissioner Beattie's laborers, who are on strike.

To-day is pay-day at the Department stables, and the 1,500 disgruntled laborers and drivers will be paid there this afternoon.

It is expected that this will be made the occasion of a mass-meeting of all the men and the organization of a general strike.

One hundred drivers of sweeping machines and water carts refused to answer the roll call at 6 o'clock last night, and about as many ash-cart men failed to put in an appearance this morning.

Stablemen and laborers, in fact the entire force of the Department—about 1,500 men—is expected to be on strike to-day.

Street-Cleaning Commissioner Beattie's retrenchment policy has precipitated the strike. So long as the man of reforms was engaged in experimenting with new theories which furnished plenty of work the men attached to his Department were perfectly satisfied with their lot.

But the experiments were costly. Great inroads were made on the already depleted fund appropriated for street cleaning purposes. Commissioner Beattie discovered this and with it the necessity of adding the word retrenchment to his motto of "Reform."

Mr. Beattie's idea of how retrenchment can be best accomplished combats with that of his laborers, for it touches their interests very heavily.

The Commissioner concluded that if he made no attempt to clean the streets and worked his men on half time he might save enough from the salary fund to carry him through the fiscal year.

He embodied his idea in an order to the effect that employees would be given three days' work each week or would be allowed to work parts of three days at 25 cents an hour.

Nothing was said about reducing the office or executive force or cutting down the salaries of the well-paid officials constituting it.

This order resulted in the holding of a mass-meeting yesterday afternoon, at which a committee was appointed to wait on Supt. Whalen. That official informed its members that he could not modify the order, and the strike was ordered.

A committee consisting of William Welsh, John Duffy, James Sullivan, Robert Caswell and John Landers was also appointed to wait on Mayor Grant and lay the grievances of the men before him.

The Committee waited on Mayor Grant this morning, and asked to use his influence to increase Commissioner Beattie's appropriation so as to give them steady employment.

The Mayor responded that it was impossible. The tax budget could not be reopened, he said, and there are no funds from which transfers can be made to swell the street-cleaning fund.

Commissioner Beattie had anticipated the strike and to avoid a riotous demonstration had Sergt. Pickett with twenty-five men of the Street-Cleaning Police detail on hand to preserve the peace.

An attempt was made to send out but three sweepers and two water-carts, and they were manned by stablemen. They were sent to sweep the pavement of Fifth avenue and were accompanied by two policemen, with another detail following for their protection.

A crowd of strikers followed after and hooted them, and in Fourteenth street, near Second avenue, one of the strikers threw a stone at one of the scab drivers.

He was not arrested, and feeling emboldened he hurled another stone, hitting the driver in the back, and in a moment found himself in the clutches of Patrolman Patrick Clune, who hustled him to the Twenty-second street station-house.

He proved to be James Connors, eighteen years old and a sweeping-machine driver.

The little force of machines sent out to sweep the hundreds of miles of paved streets in the great city of New York managed to brush into windrows the dirt in Fifth avenue from Eighth street to Fifty-ninth street.

That was all they did, however, for the carmen did not answer roll-call this morning, and the dirt lies piled up in the city's most fashionable thoroughfare to fester in the sun, because there is no means to remove it.

The only difference between Fifth avenue and other thoroughfares in this regard is that in the former street the filth is brushed in heaps near the gutter. In the others it lies in some places more than an inch deep, soaked with water and emitting foul odors, or in fine powder blown about and into the faces of passers-by and into the open windows of stores and houses.

Commissioner Beattie is to-day reduced to his ounce of prevention. His policemen and the city ordinances are left him, but his pound of cure is denied him by the strike.

The ounce of prevention does not seem to be particularly effective without some portion of the curative drug, for any number of policemen, no matter how active, and all the ordinances which were ever passed, cannot prevent the natural defilement of the pavements.

Joseph R. Pickard, Superintendent of Tugs and Scows, has resigned at the request of Commissioner Beattie, and Supt. Whalen will attempt to perform the duties of the position with the many others required of him.

Mr. Pickard was one of the oldest and most faithful of the employees of the Department. He had been connected with it ever since it was a bureau in the Police Department. His salary was $1,800 per year. He was a Republican.

City Paymaster J. H. Timmerman began paying off the hundreds of employees of the Street Cleaning Department this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Up to 2 o'clock there had been no outbreak of any kind.

WARRING POLITICAL CLUBS.

The Kenny Faction Rooms Looted by the Smith Faction.

For political high-jinks and factional fights the Tenth Assembly District bears the palm. The latest and liveliest of these is furnished by warring factions of the County Democracy organization.

The Kenny faction ousted J. Wesley Smith and Civil Justice Jerolemon from leadership recently, and seized the old headquarters and all its furnishings at 210 Eighth avenue.

The Smith faction was recognized as regular by the County Committee, but could not recover its club-room or the furniture, and so fitted up new headquarters at 250 Eighth avenue.

On Sunday the Kenny faction's rooms were looted, and the furniture, pictures, &c., are now in the Smith club-room.

The Kennyites are shouting "Burglary," but three days of earnest effort have not procured them warrants for the arrest of the burglars.

Mr. Ferguson's Cancelled Engagement.

To the Editor of the Evening World:

My engagement with Mr. E. D. Price, manager for Mrs. Leslie Carter, was cancelled by me on July 2. I write this in consequence of Mr. Price's interview printed yesterday. W. J. FERGUSON.

KILLED WITH A WHIP BLOW.

Hack-Driver Mason Charged with Johnnie Ryan's Death.

Another Boy Was Brutally Beaten at the Same Time.

A tow-headed lad of sixteen years stood before Justice Taintor, in the Yorkville Police Court, this morning, with his right arm in a sling, and told the story of how burly Stephen Mason, a hack-driver for F. Vetter & Sons, 502 East Seventeenth street, brutally assaulted seventeen-year-old Johnny Ryan and himself on Sunday night last.

Young Ryan died in terrible agony yesterday noon as a result of his injuries, and Mason, pale and trembling, was a prisoner in court on a charge of homicide.

The boy with the auburn hair and the bandaged arm was Johnnie Shea, of 536 East Sixteenth street. This is his story:

"I let Jack Ryan have my baseball last Sunday afternoon and he and Denny Gordon, of 528 East Sixteenth street; Harry Sherman, of 429 East Fourteenth street, and Charley Schroeder, of 246 Avenue A, were playing ball near Vetter's stable.

"Somebody tossed the ball to where Mason was working in the stable, and he picked it up and threw it down a sewer.

"I went over to him and asked him why he threw my ball away. He replied:

"'Go on, now, get out of here.'

"And then he grabbed a whip and began to lash me three or four times.

"After that he threw me up against a carriage wheel and sprained my arm.

"Jack Ryan came up to Mason and told him he ought to be ashamed of himself for abusing me as he did. At this Mason turned on Jack and said:

"'Oh, you want some, too, do you?' and with that he struck Jack across the head with the butt end of the whip.

"The blow sort of stunned Ryan and he staggered and fell to the ground. We told his father and they took him home, where he died yesterday."

When young Shea finished his story Justice Taintor remanded Mason back to the East Twenty-second street station in Detective Wade's custody until this afternoon pending the result of an autopsy by Dr. Weston of the Coroner's office.

The dead boy lived at 414 East Seventeenth street. His body lay in a darkened front room on the third floor and Mrs. Edward Ryan, his mother, as she showed an EVENING WORLD reporter the lifeless clay remarked in piteous tones:

"Poor Jack! How he suffered. He said to me Sunday night when his father brought him home, 'Oh! Mother, I feel as if I was struck with an axe.'

"We called Dr. McCracken, of East Eighteenth street, and he said the poor boy was suffering from hemorrhage of the brain, the result of a savage blow from some heavy instrument.

"Jack did not tell us how he got hurt. He only moaned and moaned until he died yesterday just after noontime."

The sorrowing mother brushed away the tears which welled into her swollen eyes and looked lovingly and longingly into the face of her dead boy.

A DASHING DIAMOND ROBBER.

The Clever Young Chicagoan Now Held in Police Custody.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

CHICAGO, July 23.—There is said to be some reluctance on the part of the victims of the dashing young diamond robber, Walter Van Valkenberg, to appear in public against the nineteen-year-old thief; but the detectives will have enough evidence, when the case comes up again, next Saturday, to hold both Walter and his brother George. The latter is in custody on the charge of receiving stolen property.

It is thought probable that Van Valkenberg was engaged in other operations, besides those which finally brought about his arrest, but the case of Miss Kitty Howell, the pretty young Philadelphian whom he drugged and robbed last Friday night, remains the first known.

He had brought on a flirtation with Miss Howell, who is visiting her cousin here, and representing himself as a detective, under the name of J. S. Predum, made an appointment to show her the town. In a North Clark street pavilion he gave her a "fixed" lemonade and she knew nothing more until next day, when she came to herself in a cheap hotel, minus her diamond brooch and earrings.

Mary Roach, a seventeen-year-old typewriter, who also flirted with the handsome Predum, was an easier victim. She let the young rascal take her ring to examine it in a north side saloon and he walked off with it.

Van Valkenberg had a third victim almost in the toils when the detectives who were on his trail came up with him.

His brother George acknowledged pawning the diamonds, but weakly claims he didn't know how Walter got them.

ROBBED HIS TWIN BROTHER.

Michael McKeon's Identity Disclosed After a Battle.

Michael McKeon was held in the Tombs Police Court this morning, charged with burglary by his twin brother Arthur, who was committed to the House of Detention as a witness.

Both are sailors, but Michael has not been to sea for some time. Arthur returned from a voyage on a Mallory line steamer yesterday and went to a sailors' lodging-house at 174 South street, where the brothers live when on shore.

Shortly after midnight this morning he was awakened by a noise in his room. He jumped out of bed and grappled in the darkness with the intruder, who fought without uttering a word.

Arthur was worsted and the fellow fled from the apartment but was followed, and under the glare of the electric light Arthur was astounded to find that the would-be robber was his twin-brother Michael.

The fight was renewed and Policeman Malone, of the Old Slip station, came along and arrested them.

MARCUS MAYER AND HIS WAGER.

The Impresario Reaches Queenstown and Seems Sure of Winning.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

QUEENSTOWN, July 23.—The City of New York arrived here this morning.

The well-known impresario, Marcus Mayer, travelling on a wager, disembarked and took the train for Liverpool, confident that he could reach that city in time to take the night train for London, catching Thursday morning's mail for Paris, and win his bet.

Mr. Mayer's wager was made in San Francisco, and will cost him a dinner for twenty-five in case he fails to report at the Cafe Anglais in Paris, at 5 o'clock P.M., July 24. His undertaking was to make the trip from 'Frisco to Paris in fifteen days.

Business, Not Politics.

The new Citizens' movement has rechristened itself the People's Municipal League and enunciated a platform, the keynote of which is that municipal government is business, not politics, and all members and candidates are obliged to subscribe to this doctrine.

TRUESDELL & CO.,

8th Avenue, 24th and 25th Streets.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY BARGAIN DAYS.

These special sale days are worthy the attention of every prudent buyer. Customers in and out of the city flock to our stores to attend them. The sales are enormous and will be divided into two days, to give time and room for customers to make purchases with comfort.

Customers East of 6th Avenue will find free stages near 23d st. and 6th ave., direct to our stores.

If you have not attended any of our **Sales,** do so this week. **Special Sales in every Department.** We quote from 4 out of the sixty.

WASH GOODS.

6c. Figured **LAWNS,** fast colors	1¾c.
8c. Figured **CHALLIES,** fast colors	2¾c.
10c. Figured **CHALLIES,** fast colors	4½c.
15c. Figured **CHALLIES,** fast colors	5½c.
25c. **SERGE,** wool mixture	10c.
5c. **PRINTS,** dark grounds	2½c.
10c. **INDIGO** Blue Prints	6½c.
15c. Mourning **FOULARDS**	8c.

WHITE GOODS.

Good fine White **MUSLIN**	5c.
52-inch White **PILLOW CASE MUSLIN**	8½c.
40-inch White **PILLOW CASE MUSLIN**	9½c.
10-4 Heavy Unbleached **SHEETING**	16½c.
10-4 Heavy White **SHEETING**	17½c.
5 cases White Cotton **FLANNEL**	5½c.

WHITE SHIRTS.

500 dozen Men's Unlaundered **WHITE** Shirts, reinforced front and back, Linen Bosoms and Linen Cuff bands, patent continuous facing in back and sleeves, made of best "Langdon" Cotton,

WORTH 50c., at 34c. EACH. FANCY TRIMMED

NIGHT SHIRTS.

100 dozen Night Shirts, fancy trimmed and finished, with pocket, excellent quality muslin, 50 inches long, sizes 14 to 18, Worth 75 cents; price for this sale,

39c. Each.

You will find true value in our "T. N." CORSET, Drab and Ecru, regular price 75c., for

59c.

18 DEAD BY THE STORMS.

Fearful Work of Cyclones, Tornadoes and Cloudbursts.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

TRACY, Minn., July 23.—The vicinity of Island Lake was visited by a terrible cyclone last night.

The house of a farmer named Devereau was blown down, burying and killing his three children and fatally injuring his wife.

A family of five persons named Lamont, living near Marshall, are reported killed.

DENVER, Col., July 23.—Further news from the cloudburst of Monday midnight over the Winnebago and Maryland mountains and up the Clear Creek Canon, shows that the storm was accompanied by fatalities not at first reported.

Beaver Brook was swollen into a raging torrent, and two women and a child were swept away from a camp on its banks and drowned.

Immense damage was done by the flood, the mischief extending all through the vicinity.

Mail facilities are cut off from Four-Mile Gulch and other points in the neighborhood.

Uncertain communication is had by telegraph with parts of the afflicted section.

The cloudburst followed heavy rains which have prevailed for three days.

The railroad in the Clear Creek Canon was virtually washed away from the forks to Golden. At the forks the railway restaurant, station and other buildings were swept away.

It will be nearly a week before railroad communication is re-established in its former condition.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 23.—Particulars are still delayed of the violent tornado which passed across Cass and Trail counties, N. Dak., yesterday afternoon, and through which seven lives are said to have been lost.

A Hillsboro, N. Dak., despatch says the greatest damage was probably done at points so remote from the telegraph that a day or two will be required to get the details. When the furthest points are heard from the death list may be increased.

A destructive hailstorm followed up the tornado, completing the work of ruin among the growing crops.

The fatalities so far reported occurred at the towns of Hunter and Clifford.

WAKING UP MILLER'S MEN.

Tom Platt's Pernicious Activity to Be Headed Off if Possible.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller has been assembling his lieutenants to talk over the situation rendered so serious to him by the unwonted Summer activity of his hated political rival, Tom Platt.

Platt has already procured Assembly conventions to be held in several Miller counties and captured them, nominating candidates who he will vote for Platt or Platt's man, Passett, for United States Senator.

Gen. N. M. Curtis, of St. Lawrence, and ex-Congressman Burleigh of Whitehall, have been in close consultation with their chief this week and will proceed to wake up the Miller men of the State to prevent any more Platt surprises.

SIMMONS OUT ON BAIL.

Claassen's Alleged Accomplice Free in $25,000 Bond.

James A. Simmons, who is alleged to have been the confederate of Peter J. Claassen, was to-day released in $25,000 bail.

THEY DIED IN A FIRE TRAP.

Victims of the Tenement House Horror in Cincinnati.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

CINCINNATI, July 23.—The building in which Solomon Menski, his wife, his son and his daughter met a terrible death at 44 Front street last night was a veritable fire-trap.

It was a four-story tenement-house, devoid of fire-escapes, and having only one exit, connected with a rickety and crooked stairway of pine wood.

The tenants were all of the poorer working class and were thrown into a frightful state of panic by the fire. Thirty of them were imprisoned by the flames, and only the most desperate and heroic work by firemen and policemen prevented a vastly greater horror.

As it is, two more names may yet be added to the list of the dead, as August Hitzel and Eva Messis are frightfully burned. Mary Bessemer, the other inmate most seriously hurt, will perhaps recover.

The fire was discovered at 10.45 and a double alarm was at once sent out.

BROUGHT OUT BY A TRAGEDY.

The Double Life That Henry Greer Had Long Been Living.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

COLUMBUS, O., July 23.—Henry Greer, a department superintendent at the State Asylum for the Insane, a married man with a wife and five children, and ostensibly of entirely respectable life, shot and dangerously wounded Fannie W. Breaky this morning.

It has been discovered that Greer has been living for a long time with the Breaky girl, and he shot her because she refused to continue their relations any longer on learning that he was a married man.

After shooting her Greer tried to kill himself with the same weapon, but it would not go off.

The girl is still alive, though in a precarious condition. She is twenty-four years old and Greer is fifty.

The affair has created a great sensation on account of its revelations of Greer's double life.

BIDS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The Gas Commission Will Have 627 at 35 Cents.

At its meeting in the Mayor's Office the Gas Commission accepted bids from the electric-light companies for 627 lamps at 35 cents each per night.

This price was paid for the same lamps last year.

As to the other lamps bid for at the same price, Commissioner of Public Works Gilroy was directed to confer with representatives of the several Companies to ascertain if they will not reduce their demands for lighting them to the prices asked last year.

SCHMIDT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

First Robbed and Then Made a Target for a Brick.

John Walker, who says he is a bookmaker, of 30 Avenue A, was held in the Essex Market Court to-day charged with assault and highway robbery.

Herman Schmidt, of 5 First street, was attacked by two men in front of his house Monday night, knocked down and robbed of $90. Policeman Morris, a few hours later, caught a man whom Schmidt declared to have been one of his assailants.

Last night Schmidt was sitting on his stoop, when a brick whizzed past his head. Policeman Morris saw the thrower and arrested him after a chase. He was Walker, and Schmidt declared him to be the other man who robbed him Monday night.

A Century of Talking

Is not worth a

Minute's Proof

It don't take many minutes to prove that

Pyle's Pearline

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TIME-TABLE FOR LONG BRANCH FROM WEST 23D ST., N.R.—6.30 A.M., 10.45 A.M., 4 P.M.