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NEW YORK, MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1891.

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NOTICE LAST LIGHTS AT LAST

One Side of the Fourth Avenue Tunnel Furnished with Incandescent Lamps.

Experiments Begun by New York Central Officials.

The Lamps Only Demonstrate the Imperative Need of Ventilation.

To show that it has heard and needs the demand of the public for radical reform in the condition of the tunnel under Fourth avenue, the New York Central Railroad is today experimenting with a view to making one of the improvements demanded.

It has lighted the west-side rock-out tunnel through which its north-bound local trains run with incandescent electric lamps.

The lamps were put in Saturday night, and yesterday a portion of them were lighted for the first time.

They are each about forty candle power and are placed alternately on either side of the track, about one hundred and forty feet apart.

Present the line of lights runs only as far north as Ninety-third street, but it will be extended to Ninety-sixth street to-night.

Reflectors placed on the south side of the lamps prevent the glare of light from reaching the eyes of the engineer or fireman of approaching trains, and throw the light forward on the track so as to enable the crews of locomotives to see any obstruction that may be ahead of them.

The lamps are placed near the tunnel walls at a height of about three and a half feet above the rails, and their light does not interfere in any way with the signal lamps, which are placed much higher.

This effort of the railroad company to light the darkest and most dangerous part of its tunnel makes more apparent than ever the necessity which exists for a perfect system of ventilation.

THE EXPERIMENT. A reporter of THE EVENING WORLD entered the tunnel at Eighty-sixth street this morning, and examined the experimental illuminating system.

The atmosphere was buoyant, and the smoke and steam, which usually settles to the ground and forms an impenetrable barrier to light on foggy or wet days, was dispelled very quickly through the openings into the central tunnel.

The bright sun shone through the high arches below the Eighty-sixth street opening and made almost everything in the side tunnel bright and distinctly visible.

Above the station for half a mile the tunnel is cut through solid rock, and the openings into it from the main tunnel, which is quite as well ventilated, are very few. It is here that the experiment with the incandescent lamps is being made.

Looking northward, a long vista of light patches thrown on the glistening rails could be seen to Ninety-third street. They were only patches, however, and the distances between seemed as dark as formerly. It was only seeming, though, for despite the fact that the lamps are not placed near enough together, they lighted that tunnel so well that track-walkers' movements could be followed all the way from Ninety-third street down to the station at Eighty-sixth street.

It is thus evident that, when the tunnel is free from steam, smoke or fog, even the slightest number of lamps which together, through the Central Company have used in this experiment is sufficient to light the tunnel so that an engineer can discern any obstruction ahead of him on the track.

In the Hoosac Tunnel, which is lighted by the incandescent system, the lamps are placed only forty feet apart; but in this Fourth Avenue Tunnel experiment the Central Company has left an interval of 140 feet between lamps.

LAMPS USELESS WITHOUT VENTILATION. The uselessness of lamps without ventilation was shown, after the passage of the first train.

Some time ago a Harlem local stopped a brief moment and passed on between the rows of electric lights which illuminated the way for the engineer.

It left behind it a blinding cloud of hot steam and smoke, which completely hid from the view of THE EVENING WORLD reporter every vestige of light.

CITY NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

To-Day's Record of Minor Happenings About Town.

Chronicles Briefly Drawn from Notebook and Docket.

Abandoned Child and Dead Wife. Five-year-old Mary Hughes was in Jefferson Market Police Court this morning committed to the care of the Sisters of St. Dominic.

Fell Down the "L" Station Stairs. An unknown man about thirty-eight years of age, with brown hair and full beard wearing a black kersey suit and brown overcoat, black derby hat and red socks, was found lying on the stairs at the Ninety-third street station.

Grip Carried Off the Mate. Coroner Rooney to-day was notified of the sudden death of John Hanson, mate of the schooner Lydia Fowler, lying at the foot of Twentieth street, Brooklyn.

Two of This Gang Safe. Joseph Bennett, of 574 Eleventh avenue, was held in Yorkville Police Court this morning charged with leading the gang that last evening raided the East Side saloon.

Commissioner Coleman Tells Why Corporations Leave Us.

The Senate Law Committee, which during the past two months has been trying to get at the secrets of the Sugar Trust, met again at 11 o'clock this morning in the Hotel Metropolitan.

When the proceedings opened there was a number of members of the Trust represented in person, Theodore A. and Henry Havemeyer, as well as their lawyers, Eliza Root and Edward Shepard.

Commissioner Coleman was called by the committee, and he gave the results of an investigation made by him on the number of corporations formed in New Jersey which carried on their business exclusively in this State.

He found that some of the most important corporations in this city had wound up their affairs and gone over to New Jersey and reorganized. From January, 1890, to January, 1891, there were 200,000,000 of capital organized in New Jersey, and of this about twenty per cent. were corporations doing almost an exclusive business in this city.

Mr. Coleman cited a number of corporations that came under this head, which included the Sugar Trust, the American Rednettes Company.

The reason for this state of affairs was found in the fact that those corporations were not confronted with heavy taxation and were met with more liberal laws.

Mr. Coleman said he would place a tax on their property in New Jersey, and that he would drive millions away from New York.

From 1868 to 1872, estimated Mr. Coleman, the number of corporations formed in New York, and he soon moved away to such places where better and more liberal laws were offered.

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DASKAM WON'T COME.

Connecticut Protects a Plotter for Loring Robertson's \$2,000,000.

Cassie Brooks and Five Others Arrested on Her Confession.

Lawyer John F. Baker and Tom Gould's Harpkeer Helcher in the Tolls.

Through a woman's confession and the efforts of Detective Nicol, the details of the bold and carefully laid plot to get the \$2,000,000 estate of Loring A. Robertson, the wealthy leather merchant, who died in October last, have been brought to light.

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GREEN'S BIG PLAN ENDORSED.

Bill to Add Brooklyn and Six Other Towns to New York.

The Greater New York Commission Votes for the Biggest City in the World.

The Municipal Consolidation Inquiry Commission met at 11 o'clock to-day at 314 Broadway, in the office of Andrew H. Green, the father of the scheme for uniting New York with Kings, Queens, Richmond, Westchester and Suffolk counties into one grand metropolitan city.

A communication was received from Paul H. Kretschmar, Supervisor-at-Large for Kings County, throwing cold water on the idea. The letter is a very long document.

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LAST EDITION. ELEVEN BURNED.

An Italian Family Caught in a Fatal Fire Trap at Rochester, Pa.

Nine Bodies Taken from the Smoking Ruins at Noon.

One Girl Alone Escapes by Leaping from a Window.

ROCHESTER, Pa., April 6.—Eleven persons were burned to death in a fire which occurred here shortly after midnight this morning.

The fire broke out in some manner as yet unexplained, in a frame building, the ground floor of which were occupied by a millinery store and grocery, and the upper floors by an Italian family and several boarders.

The flames burned with such ferocity that the escape of the doomed Italian by way of the stairs was entirely cut off.

Some of them appeared at the upper window for a brief space, but they quickly fell back, with agonizing but fruitless screams for help.

One young girl, seventeen years old, leaped from the second-story window to the street, she was terribly injured, and had several bones broken, but her life is saved.

But one body had been recovered at 9 o'clock. It was that of a man, but was so charred and disfigured by the fire that it was almost unrecognizable.

Search for the bodies of the victims was rapidly carried on, and at noon eight more had been found.

Following is a partial list of the victims whose bodies have been recovered: E. J. Kerner, his son Walter, aged eleven.

His wife, aged thirty-five. A son, aged thirteen. A daughter, aged ten. A baby, aged two. Two unknown boarders.

P. T. BARNUM IS VERY LOW.

Physicians Say the Veteran Showman Can Last but a Few Days at Best.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 6.—P. T. Barnum's condition has changed for the worse this morning, and he is very low. Dr. Loomis, of New York, has been sent for. Dr. Hubbard, the attending physician, says that Mr. Barnum cannot last much longer—a few days only at the best.

At the house at noon to-day it was said that Mr. Barnum was slowly sinking. His pulse has run down eight beats out of twenty. His temperature is 100 degrees. He has little fever, but cannot take nourishment.

The end is likely to come any hour. Mr. Barnum has been ill for more than three months. His condition has not till the last few days been such as to cause much alarm among his family and friends, but it is evident that the old showman has steadily lost strength.

During his illness Mr. Barnum has spent most of his time in bed, but has attended daily to business and has dictated his voluminous correspondence. His mind has remained all its old-time vigor and clearness.

He was greatly disappointed at not being able to go to New York to attend the opening of the big show in Madison Square Garden. But the physicians forbade him to make the attempt.

Last evening the report gained currency that Mr. Barnum was expected to die. This was explained at the house by the statement that he was suffering from indigestion, but otherwise his condition was about the same as for a week past.

Callers were assured by H. E. Bowser, Mr. Barnum's private secretary, that the invalid showed no perceptible change; but after midnight this morning the change for the worse was so manifest that Dr. Loomis was telegraphed for and Dr. Hubbard hastily summoned to Mr. Barnum's bedside.

Mr. Barnum's age, eight-one years, is against him in his fight for life, but he has always been robust and has a magnificent constitution.

LONG ISLAND ROAD NOT SOLD.

Austin Corbin Denies the Rumor of a Big Deal With the Vanderbilts.

A story has become current to-day regarding an alleged deal between Austin Corbin and the Vanderbilts, by which the Vanderbilts are said to have secured the control of the Long Island Railroad Company.

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