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INSPECTORS O. K.

Captains Found Guilty and Reprimanded.

Police Board Decisions on Byrnes's Charges.

The Accused Officials Tried This Forenoon.

The "Super" Admits that Gambling Cannot Be Suppressed.

At 2.30 o'clock this afternoon the Police Board made public the result of its trial of the accused police officials.

It was announced that Inspectors Williams and McAvoy were acquitted of the charges against them.

Capts. Doherty, Westervelt and Stephenson were found guilty, and were reprimanded.

IN CONFERENCE BEFORE THE TRIAL.

The excitement which prevailed in police circles during the last week was greater than ever this morning, for the reason that to-day was the date fixed for the trial of Inspectors Alex. S. Williams and Thomas F. McAvoy and Capts. John T. Stephenson, Josiah A. Westervelt and Michael Doherty on Supt. Byrnes's charges of neglect of duty.

The event was of much more than ordinary interest because of the high rank of the accused officials. Next to Supt. Byrnes no man in the New York Police Department is so widely known as Inspector Williams.

It is not an uncommon event for a Captain to be called before the Commissioners for trial, but that two Inspectors and three Captains should be arraigned on similar and such serious charges seems as remarkable as it is unprecedented, and gives increased evidence of the sincerity of Supt. Byrnes, who declared that so long as he was at the head of the department he proposed to see that the laws were impartially enforced.

What Acquittals Might Mean.

Wiseacres in and about the big white building in Mulberry street this morning were not slow in hinting that a dismissal of the charges against the accused officials or their virtual acquittal through a censure or fine might produce a startling occurrence—nothing less than the resignation of Supt. Byrnes from the force.

The possibility of such action on the part of the Superintendent would, according to these Solons, depend entirely upon the degree of punishment inflicted by the Commissioners.

In the event of acquittal, there would be, it is claimed, but one possible move for the "super"—to resign and get out of the Department with flying colors, leaving the burden of responsibility with the Commissioners.

Scene of the Trials.

The Commissioners this morning decided to hold the trials in the Board room, adjoining President Martin's office, as the large trial room was too cold. This also had the effect of keeping out the too curious, for the Board room is so small that hardly sixty people, all told, can crowd in. They afterwards returned to the trial-room.

The trial is rendered particulary interesting from the fact that the entire Board sits to-day instead of one member, as in case of the ordinary rank and file trials. Naturally, as President of the Board, Commissioner Martin presides.

The charges against the accused are in brief detail as follows:

That Inspector Alexander S. Williams neglected his duty in failing to enforce, in violation of Rule 454 of the Police Department, the law with reference to a gambling-house at 297 Bowery and a gambling-house at 148 East Fourteenth street. The date of the first charge is Jan. 5, and of the second Jan. 9.

That Inspector McAvoy neglected to suppress, on Jan. 5, gambling-houses at 10 Murray street, 12 Park place and 18 Dey street. His alleged failure to suppress an opium joint at 234 West Thirty-sixth street is also included in the charges.

That Capt. Westervelt failed to suppress the West Thirty-sixth street opium den referred to.

That Capt. Stephenson failed to break up the downtown gambling hells mentioned in the complaint against Inspector Williams.

That Capt. Doherty neglected to raid 297 Bowery and 148 East Fourteenth street.

Inspectors Williams and McAvoy and Capts. Doherty, Stephenson and Westervelt went up to the trial room on the top floor of the building at 10.45. Each was in full uniform, and wore a confident smile on his face and a brilliant polish on his boots. Capt. Price and several sergeants were also present, and it is doubtful if the trial room ever before held more brass and gold officials at once.

Inspectors Williams and McAvoy carried their police manuals with them, but up to 11 o'clock no counsel had appeared for them or the accused Captains.

At 11 o'clock Supt. Byrnes, in full uniform, and also carrying a police manual, entered the room. He wore a XXX smile and was greeted politely, but not effusively, by the subordinates whom he had accused of neglecting their duty.

Williams's Case Called First.

It was 11.30 when Commissioners Martin, McClave and Sheehan entered the court-room and proceeded with the trial of Alexander S. Williams. Commissioner MacLean was absent.

Clerk Peterson read the charge against Inspector Williams, who announced that he was ready to proceed, and called up Capts. Doherty and Price, one or two sergeants and a roundsman as his witnesses.

"Before proceeding with the case," said Inspector Williams, "I wish to state that we are not represented by counsel for this this reason: Two members of the Board are lawyers, and we rely upon you for fair treatment. We shall introduce positive testimony and not hearsay."

Supt. Byrnes detailed the story of the raids at 297 Bowery and 148 East Fourteenth street, and told what was found there. He admitted that his men found no gambling actually going on at the former place, although they did at the latter.

As Inspector Williams's case was practically Capt. Doherty's, the latter's case was taken up with the Inspector's.

Supt. Byrnes said that he had never given any specific instructions to the Inspector or Captain regarding the places in question. It wasn't necessary, he said. Neither was it necessary for the police to have warrants or to see the offense committed in the case of a felony.

To Inspector Williams Supt. Byrnes admitted that he had no knowledge that the Inspector knew of the existence of gambling-houses at 297 Bowery and 148 East Fourteenth street.

Williams Scores a Point.

Inspector Williams argued that according to the rules governing inspectors there was no mention made of gambling. An inspector's duties were to see that his district was in good order. Commissioner Martin indorsed this view.

Moses Stokes, who said he was in the printing business and has controlled 297 Bowery for three years, swore that there had been no gambling there in three years. Then he admitted that there was some nine months ago, but he had broken up the place.

Henry Livingston, his partner, corroborated him.

Patrolmen Hock and Keys and Sergt. Welsing swore that since a year ago there had been no gambling at 298 Bowery, since Capt. Mccullagh raided the place a year ago.

Capt. Doherty himself denied all knowledge of gambling at 297 Bowery or at 148 East Fourteenth street. He learned of the raid on the latter place shortly after it occurred.

Capt. James K. Price, formerly a sergeant in Inspector Williams's office, had never heard of any gambling at 297 Bowery, nor had Roundsman Kersinger, of Inspector Williams's staff.

Capt. Price indignantly denied that he ever "tipped off" a place that was to have been raided at 238 Hester street.

John Eiser, of 148 East Fourteenth street, swore that there had not been any gambling at 148 East Fourteenth street before Jan. 7. The rooms were leased Jan. 6 and raided Jan. 9.

Patrolman James J. McCarthy, whose post was on that block, never knew of any gambling going on there.

Byrnes Makes an Admission.

Supt. Byrnes admitted that the accused officers had always obeyed specific orders.

"Don't you think that if I had had the same information that you had that the result would have been the same?" asked Inspector Williams.

"Do you want me to answer that question?"

"Yes, certainly."

"We—e—ll, no. I don't.

"Why?"

"Because you asked me if I thought there was any gambling in your district, and I said I thought there was, in two places."

"Haven't gamblers a right to live—that is, have a roof over their heads?"

"Certainly."

"Can gambling be suppressed in New York?"

"No."

The Superintendent, in reply to questions, said that gambling could not be stopped, but it could be regulated.

Inspector Williams then offered the record of his inspection district in evidence. President Martin asked several questions in relation to the Inspector's duties and the assistance that is allowed to him.

With this the case against Inspector Williams and Capt. Doherty was closed.

McAvoy, Stephenson and Westervelt.

President Martin then called the cases of Inspector McAvoy and Capts. Stephenson and Westervelt. They were tried together.

The charges were read and Inspector McAvoy replied, "Not guilty." Both captains pleaded not guilty. The case was then stated by the Superintendent, who told of the raids made the night of Jan. 5, by Central Office detectives upon the alleged gambling places, 10 Murray street, 12 Park place and 18 Dey street, and also upon the opium joint at 234 West Twenty-sixth street.

Inspector McAvoy stated that he appeared without counsel.

"Do you know of your own knowledge, Superintendent, of any gambling being done at the places?" asked the Inspector.

"I do not," replied the Superintendent.

"Do you know of opium smoking at this place?"

The Superintendent again replied that he did not.

The Inspector then called Capt. Stephenson as his first witness.

The Captain testified that the inspector had spoken to him frequently about suppressing gambling in his precinct and he had done his best to do it.

Policemen Colten and Lynes, formerly detectives in Capt. Stephenson's precinct, testified to visiting the places at 18 Dey street and 12 Park place Jan. 5, and said they discovered no gambling or any paraphernalia in the places.

Capt. Stephenson on his own behalf stated that he had also visited the three places in question, but was unable to discover any gambling or any paraphernalia that would indicate that gambling had been carried on.

The Superintendent said in reply to questions that he had given Inspector McAvoy no orders that the latter had not tried to comply with, but not to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.

Capt. Westervelt was then called to answer to the charge of allowing an opium joint to exist in his precinct. He swore that the existence of the place was unknown to him, and that in his opinion the place might exist without the knowledge of the police for almost any length of time.

Sergt. Lovell, of Capt. Westervelt's Precinct, testified that he had never heard of the existence of the opium joint.

Sergts. Cahill and Woods testified to the same fact.

Police Breen, former Ward Detectives Bailey and Delaney stated that they had never heard of the place, as the block was eminently respectable, and none would suspect that an opium joint would be started there.

Ex-Detective Bailey accounted for the Superintendent's men being able to discover it by saying that some one was a better friend to the Central Office man than to the precinct detective.

Went Into Executive Session.

Before closing the case Supt. Byrnes made a statement relative to the facilities that he had to get information as compared with the means at hand to the Inspectors.

This closed the cases, and at 1 o'clock the Commissioners went into executive session.

HID SMALL-POX FOR TWO WEEKS

Parents of Stricken Children Go About Brooklyn Recklessly.

The Brooklyn Health Department has discovered a nest of small-pox in the tenement-house at 32 Melrose street.

Three cases were removed to the Flatbush Hospital Saturday night and another case was discovered in the same house to-day.

The disease broke out in the Siegel family two weeks ago, and was hidden from the authorities.

When a Health Inspector visited the house Saturday night he found Carrie Siegel, sixteen years old; Lizzie, aged eleven years, and Emily, aged two, who had been suffering from the disease for from one to two weeks.

While they were ill their parents went about the neighborhood.

This morning Barbara Gestler, seventy-one years old, who lived on the top floor of the house, was found to have the disease.

The health officers fear that the disease will spread throughout the neighborhood.

When they went to the house Saturday night, the father of the Siegel girls jumped through a window and ran away.

BROKER STANTON ARRESTED.

Charged with Libelling Rival Insurance Agents.

George A. Stanton, a well-known insurance broker, of 155 Broadway, was arrested to-day by Detectives Sheldon and Hurd, of the Central Office, on an indictment for criminal libel.

Stanton was jointly indicted with Arthur T. Foster, a clerk in his employ, for publishing a libel reflecting on the standing of the firm of Beecher, Schenck & Co., insurance agents, of this city, who were the organizers of the American Assurance Lloyds Company.

While the company was being organized Stanton, who is the agent of the American Lloyds, is alleged to have had printed and distributed a number of circulars calling into question the business methods of Beecher, Schenck & Co., which were intended to impair the work of organizing a rival company. The circular was issued last month, and it became a difficult task to locate the authors.

Through the printers it was learned that Foster had given the order for the circulars, and when he was arrested and arraigned in court he confessed that Stanton had asked him to get the job done.

Stanton is alleged to have given Foster a check for $38.10, which was transferred to the latter's father, and the bill was paid without Stanton appearing in the transaction.

Detectives Sheldon and Hurd had been looking for Starton for a week and this morning located him at his office. He denied having committed any offense. He was taken to the District-Attorney's office and released on $1,500 bail.

KNOCKED DOWN AND ROBBED.

Patrick Devine Arrested for Highway Robbery in Flatbush.

Patrick Devine, of Midwood street, Flatbush, was arrested at noon to-day and lodged in the Town Hall jail, charged by John Reithhold, of East New York avenue, with knocking him down and robbing him of $15.

Reithhold said that he was walking along Midwood street when Devine came up behind, him and, without any warning, knocked him down with some weapon he did not see.

Devine went through Reithhold's pockets at his leisure, and went off, leaving his victim on the sidewalk.

Reithhold recognized the highwayman and gave such a good description of him that Devine was arrested without any trouble.

Devine will be arraigned before Justice Sweeney to-night.

HOME BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 16.—During the family's absence the house of Louis Datterer, at 3103 Wyoming street, was blown up by dynamite and destroyed.

In August last a week-minded daughter of Mrs. Datterer was abducted from home and kept away all night, being repeatedly assaulted. C. J. McCormick, drummer for an Eastern house, was indicted for the crime and his trial comes up next Tuesday.

Mrs. Datterer says she has been offered $2,000 to drop the prosecution, and she shows a letter she received a week ago which threatened that if the matter against McCormick was pressed her home would be blown up by dynamite.

$10,000 Fire in Belvidere.

BELVIDERE, N. J., Jan. 16.—At midnight fire broke out in the drug store of Furst Brothers. There was no water and the firemen were powerless to check the flames. The drug store was totally destroyed, together with the Odd Fellows' Hall. The loss on building and stock is about $10,000.

A New Democratic Daily.

The great public need is an independent Democratic morning one-cent paper. The DAILY MERCURY, which will be for sale on Tuesday morning will exactly fill the gap. No padded lakes, but all the news. Free accident insurance that beats the deck. Be sure to order it through your newsman.

IT'S THE COLDEST DAY

Only One Degree Above Zero at 6 O'Clock This Morning.

Fears that the East River May Be Closed To-Morrow.

Skaters and Sleigh Owners Are Filled with Joy.

To-day has the doubtful honor of being the coldest of the season in New York.

It was only one degree above zero at 6 o'clock this morning. That was a duplicate of Jan. 10, but on the latter date it warmed up as the day advanced, while to-day the frigidity has remained so that at noon the thermometers at Perry's and Hudnut's registered only 9 degrees above, while the official spirit on top of the Equitable Building had risen to 7 only, making Jan. 16 the coldest day in 1892-3.

This conduced to the making of more ice on the ponds and lakes, rivers and bays, and all the forenoon several steam tugs were kept busy breaking up a fine coating of ice that had formed on the Kill von Kull from the Jersey to the Staten Island shore.

The thermometer at Weather Observer Bauer's unofficial home, on Staten Island, registered 5 degrees below zero early this morning, and the boatmen say that if the conditions do not change before night there will be such ice on the Kill von Kull to-morrow morning as cannot be broken up by the tugs.

Meantime the lads and lassies of THE EVENING WORLD'S three-State bailiwick are painting richest roses on their cheeks by skating and sleighing, for there is splendid "slipping" on every decent road from Trenton to New London and Perth Amboy to Poughkeepsie.

There is skating now on all the lakes within the Greater New York's boundaries.

The smaller lakes in the parks are being cleared of snow to-day, and about one hundred thousand skaters will enjoy the sport this afternoon and evening, while not less than one hundred thousand "best girls" will snuggle beside their "steadies" behind the spanking team, the bob-tailed mare or the old gray, spinning up the avenues, the boulevards and the snowbad drives, with a smack of something hot and a drop of something hotter at the roadhouse that marks the further end of the sleigh ride.

There is another side to this story not so inviting, however. The ferrymen and those who ply in tugs, steamers and other craft about New York Harbor look apprehensive as they discern the situation and the probabilities.

The ferry boats had some trouble in the early morning making their trips from shore to shore.

The first boat from Thirty-ninth street, South Brooklyn, leaving there at 6.30 o'clock, spent a whole hour making the voyage to South Ferry. She had to cut her way through a solid ice with which the bay was coated.

Buttermilk Channel is quite frozen over, and all the East River ferry lines above South Ferry, as Wall, Fulton, Roosevelt and Grand streets, have had difficulty in making their regular trips on time.

Ice quickly forms whenever the water is left undisturbed for a few minutes in such weather as this, and each cake of ice floating in the river grows in size hourly.

To add to the difficulty of the situation, the weather vanes all indicate a southwest breeze, and the boatmen say that a continuance of that during the flood tide this afternoon will fill East River with the floating ice that is now huddled and heaged up on the Jersey flats and along the Staten Island shore and in the lower bay, and that means that with a nipping frost to-night East River may present to-morrow the spectacle that comes only about once in a generation—that of a sheet of solid ice from shore to shore.

During the blizzard of March, 1888, the ice gorged East River so that venturesome people walked over on it, but the tide changed and some of them were rescued with difficulty from the floating ice cakes.

The peculiarity of this cold snap, now in its third week, is that it extends over such a wide area—almost the whole United States being included in the "frigid zone."

At 8 o'clock this morning, when New York had 4-degree weather, the mercury was at zero at Philadelphia. It was 4 degrees above at Boston and Oswego, but 2 degrees below zero at Albany, Buffalo and St. Paul, 6 degrees below at Chicago and 30 degrees at St. Vincent, Minn.

Even in the South, at Lynchburg, Va., it was 4 degrees below zero, while Knoxville, Tenn., had the heretofore unheard of temperature of 10 degrees below zero.

At Titusville, in the middle of the Florida orange belt, the temperature was at 32—just the freezing point—and with a prospect of colder weather to-night. At Jacksonville, Fla., it was 26 degrees, and—read carefully—the only thawing weather in the United States to-day was at Key West, Fla.; Galveston and Corpus Christi, Tex., and Los Angeles, on the California coast. Even at New Orleans it was 4 below the freezing point.

There is lots of snow all over the New England, Middle and Western States, and in Nova Scotia fifteen to twenty inches of snow was added last night to the already thick coat.

The forecast of Observer Dunn calls for colder weather to-night, slightly warmer to-morrow, but no thaw and no more snow in sight.

STUCK FAST IN THE ICE.

Six Unknown Schooners Frozen Fast Off Sands Point.

Six unknown schooners are stuck fast in the ice about three miles off Sands Point, according to reports from City Island.

The tug A. E. Burnside, reported Saturday as stuck fast in the ice, got free and passed in this morning.

The tug Americus, with barges, from New London, made its way in from the Sound this morning, and the tugs Hercules and Triton, with barges, passed out of Hell Gate for Boston.

The floating ice in the river discouraged most navigators, however, so that traffic was very light.

The tug Hercules got stuck in the ice about a mile east of Sand's Point.

Capt. Hutchings, of the schooner Druid, which arrived at City Island yesterday, reports:

"Schooner leaking about 500 strokes per hour, having been cut in by the ice; will make attempt to bring her closer to shore; cargo all right."

CHILDREN FREEZING TO DEATH.

Pitiable Case of Destitution Discovered in Brooklyn.

A sad case of destitution was revealed in the Butler Street Court, Brooklyn, this morning, when Hilman Kancer's

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THE SLEIGHING AT LAKEWOOD IS GOOD.

President-elect Cleveland Receives Many Invitations to Take a Ride.

MURDERED IN CHICAGO.

John M. Russell, a Former Business Man on Park Row.

Three arrests have been made, says a Chicago despatch to-day, of persons suspected of complicity in the murder of John M. Russell, in his shooting gallery at 120 South Halsted street, in that city. Russell's body was found yesterday, frozen stiff, with a bullet wound in the head.

Russell formerly ran a shooting gallery on Park Row, in this city. A letter was in his pocket from Peter Von Twistem, of 127 Roosevelt street. Mr. Von Twistem, said to-day that he knew very little about Russell.

"He always carried considerable money with him," said Von Twistem, "and I think he was murdered for his cash." He added that Russell was a man of exemplary habits, and as far as he knew never associated with "loose" people.

The persons arrested are Jessie Sherwood and Minnie Hewitt and the former's husband, Joseph. They were all intimate friends of Russell. The police are now looking for Minnie Hewitt's husband.

ROBBED A RAILROAD STATION.

Thieves Blew Open a Safe and Got Away with $350.

WESTCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 16.—At an early hour this morning burglars broke into the depot of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at this place. They blew open the safe and secured $350 in cash. They left their tools on the floor, but there is no clue to their identity.

The burglars are believed to be the same gang who blew open the safe in the post-office at Irvington a few nights ago and secured about $1,000. They are undoubtedly the same gang who have been robbing the stations and post-offices along both the New Haven and Hudson River Roads in Westchester and Putnam Counties during the past few months.

FAST TRAIN STRIKES A FREIGHT.

Fireman Killed and Engineer and Passengers Injured.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

PITTSBURG, Jan. 16.—A collision occurred this morning on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Latrobe, between the east-bound fast line and a freight train.

The fireman of the passenger train, William Metzens, was instantly killed, and the engineer, George Cannon, was seriously injured.

A number of passengers were injured, but it is not known whether any of them will die from their wounds.

DID THE DOG STEAL?

Accusation in Police Court Against a Terrier and His Mistress.

A small black-and-tan dog named "Tottie," the property of Mrs. Mary Potter, who lives in a boarding-house at 126 West Twenty-sixth street, was a prisoner, together with his owner, in Jefferson Market Court this morning.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong, one of the other boarders, accused "Tottie" of coming into her apartments, grabbing handkerchiefs, pocketbooks and other articles of value, and carrying them to his mistress, who, instead of sending them back, would retain them.

This Mrs. Potter very indignantly denied, and declared that she knew nothing of the pocketbook, which was lost yesterday afternoon, and which Mrs. Armstrong said contained $35.

Mrs. Potter was released on bail for further examination.

"Admiral"

Cigarettes, without question the one high-grade brand in the market. This accounts for the contemptible methods used to influence dealers from selling them.

WATER MAIN BROKEN.

Another Big Leak in Brooklyn's Service Pipes.

It has just been discovered by Engineer Van Buren and Assistant Engineer Bergen, of the Brooklyn City Works Department, that the break in the water main was more serious than was at first supposed.

Commissioner Adams returned from a personal investigation this morning.

He said that a new break, thirty feet under ground had been found at a short distance from the first one.

Neither of the breaks can be permanently repaired before warm weather sets in.

At the request of Mr. Adams the police have notified the residents of the high portions of the city, to be saving in their use of water.

Mr. Adams claims, however, that that was done in order to avoid danger from boiler explosions.

He admits that the supply is gradually diminishing, and says that while there was seven feet two inches in the reservoir on Friday, there were only 4 feet 6 inches Saturday and 3½ feet yesterday.

The consumption during that time was 157,000,000 gallons, and the supply 135,000,000, showing a loss of 22,000,000.

When the water in the reservoir gets below four feet it cannot be pumped into the mains.

BURGE ACCUSES M'AULIFFE.

Says Jack Approached Him with a View to a Fake Fight.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

Boston, Jan. 16. The *Post* this morning publishes a story in which Dick Burge, the English pugilist, is represented as saying that in his last conference with McAuliffe the latter, who had been drinking and was very liberal in his confidences, approached him on the matter of putting up a fake fight between them.

According to Burge, McAuliffe, after stating that he did not want to fight because a beatch man was to get in his country, said:

"Now, Dick, you would like to make some big money, and you can. We can make a match and get a big purse, and you can make a small fortune, but I will only make a match on condition that I must be the winner. You can make more money by it than you make in a dozen fights in England, and as long as you are not going to remain in this country it won't hurt you much."

The *Post* adds that it is stated that the price offered to Burge to agree for McAuliffe to win was $25,000, although Burge did not mention the amount to the *Post's* informant.

CLEVELAND COMES TO TOWN.

Rumors of Important Conference in His Mills Building Office.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Jan. 16.—President-elect Cleveland left here for New York on the 10.30 train this morning to keep an appointment at his office in the Mills Building.

It is said that he had arranged to meet some of the Democratic leaders for a conference regarding his Cabinet.

Mrs. Cleveland and Baby Ruth went out for a sleigh ride at midday in Mr. Freeman's handsome Russian sleigh. The sleighing among the pines is the best ever known in Lakewood.

IMPORTANT. SALVATION OIL, the greatest cure on earth for pain, is only 25 cents.

FIRE ON WASHINGTON STREET.

Serious Blaze in a Warehouse Just Before Noon.

A fire at 11.15 this forenoon in the wholesale wood and willow ware store of G. H. & E. F. Goldberg, of 326 and 328 Washington street, caused two alarms and damaged the building to the amount of about $5,000 and destroyed nearly all of the $70,000 worth of stock.

The fire started from a gas engine on the fifth floor. Engineer Henry Miller, who saw the first blaze, attempted to extinguish it with hand grenades, but failed. After the fire-engines arrived the blaze was put out without much trouble, but not until all the store was flooded with water.

The building is owned by the Rhinelander estate. It is five stories high and about fifty feet front. The Goldberg firm also has an entrance 39 and 41 Jay street, but this building was not damaged.

FIFTY GIRLS FLED FROM FIRE.

They Were in Their Night-Clothes and Barely Escaped Freezing.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Fire broke out in the fashionable Kenwood Institute this morning while the fifty young women students were asleep.

Though there was time for them to dress, the girls became panic-stricken and ran out into the freezing air clad only in their night robes.

A number were quite severely frostbitten before being gathered in by neighboring residents. The Institute, a three-story and basement brick building, was destroyed.

SPIEGEL GETS NO STAY.

Justice Barrett Decides that He Must Serve His Sentence.

Justice Barrett, of the Supreme Court, refused to-day the application of Morris Spiegel, convicted and sentenced on a charge of presenting fraudulent claims for insurance, for a certificate of reasonable doubt and a stay pending appeal.

Spiegel was engaged in the wine business in Broad street.

His place was burned out in December, 1891, and his loss was about $2,000. He tried to prove losses of $70,000.

LAKEWOOD EXPRESS STOPPED.

Engineer Found a Broken Wheel in the Nick of Time.

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J., Jan. 16.—The Lakewood express on the New Jersey Central Railroad, which leaves Lakewood about 7.25 o'clock and is due at Jersey City at 8.25, was obliged to come to a halt at this place this morning.

The engineer of the train discovered a broken wheel under the tank of the engine in time to save the train from being wrecked.

The Long Branch express, following this train about fifteen minutes later, attached the Lakewood express, making a train of nine cars.

BLAINE HAS A GOOD NIGHT.

Neither of His Physicians Call Up to a Late Hour To-Day

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—"Mr. Blaine passed a very good night and rested well," said the servant at the door of the house at 9 o'clock this morning.

Neither of the physicians had called up to that hour.

All the News for One Cent.

The DAILY MERCURY, out to-morrow morning, price ONE CENT, will be specially devoted to New York and its vicinity. It will be the only one-cent, distinctively Democratic morning newspaper of this city, and will also give special attention to home and social features.

LAST EDITION.

FAMINE IN COAL.

Chicago and Many Western Towns Threatened.

Unparalleled Cold Weather in Every Part of the Country.

Railroads Tied Up, Lives Lost and Business Suspended.

Great Suffering Among the Poor of Towns and Cities.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—According to a morning paper this city is threatened with a coal famine if the present Arctic rigor continues. Not only will much suffering ensue among the poorer classes, but many large factories will be compelled to shut down for want of fuel, throwing thousands of poor people out of employment.

Even the railroads are already seriously crippled, and some of them have been compelled to reduce the number of yard engines, being unable to supply them with coal.

The railroads have already been compelled to confiscate whole trainloads of coal entering the city for their own use, and as a result local dealers are unable to supply larg orders.

The stock on hand at the beginning of the month is well nigh exhausted, and the storms and blizzards have so seriously affected the coal roads entering the city that the daily supply has been visibly decreased. Many complaints are already being made of the inability to procure soft coal, and some of the big buildings, it is claimed, are threatened with an arctic climate within the next few days.

The big coal dealers say they have never before witnessed such a clamor for coal. Their teams are kept busy day and night, and as the private stocks are being consumed the demand is daily increasing. As a consequence the dealers are seeing their stock rapidly decrease, while they are unable to get their mine orders filled on account of the blockades. The prospect looks very gloomy to them, as they reluctantly admit.

24 Below Zero at Bloomington.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Jan. 16.—A fierce blizzard descended upon Bloomington last night, following a period of moderate cold of several days' duration. The mercury fell during the night from 12 degrees below at 6 o'clock to 24 degrees below at daylight, with a strong wind from the northwest. The suffering among the poor and those exposed to the wind is very great.

There is much danger of a coal famine in Central Illinois should the cold weather continue. The dealers in soft coal in Bloomington are unable to fill but a very small percentage of their orders. Many of the smaller towns are entirely without coal.

Relief for Cincinnati's Unemployed.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 16.—The Chief of Police has issued orders to bring into the station-houses all destitute, unemployed people. Those arrested who are found deserving will be sent to the city infirmary and the undeserving will be sent to the workhouse. This is believed to be better than establishing soup kitchens, which, in the past, have had the effect of inviting vagrants to the city.

President M. E. Ingalls has put freight trains on the Chesapeake and Ohio road at the disposal of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* in aid of the poor, furnish coal at $3.50 per ton in single ton loads instead of at $6 and $8 as charged by coal dealers. It is believed that the organized charities are abundantly equipped to meet all other cases of distress.

Six Feet of Ice Cut at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 16.—The present January has beaten the record for intense and sustained cold weather, and there is no prospect for a change. For four years the new year has found the ground clear of snow and every lake and stream open. The mercury went below zero in November and has been above that mark only at rare intervals since. On Christmas day it was 22 below, about the same on New Year's.

At St. Vincent and Minnedosa 40 below has been reached, and the cold has been nearly as severe all over the western and northwestern part of the State. A cube of ice six feet thick was cut from Vadnais lake, just outside the city on Saturday, and is the heaviest ice seen since the famous block which formed the corner-stone of the ice palace in 1886. The cold has, however, been entirely without the blizzard features, and not only has there been an entire absence of fatalities, but not a case of suffering has been reported.

Mercury Freezes in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 16.—Despatches from all parts of the State report the coldest weather for years. In Milwaukee it was 14 degrees below zero yesterday. At Sparta the mercury froze solid at 40 below. At Waterhall it was 45 below; Lacrosse, 36; Medford, 42; Neenah, 28; Watertown, 30; Kaukauna, 35. The Winnebago Indians on the Reservation near Black River Falls are suffering terribly.

Cattle Perishing in Maryland.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 16.—The thermometer marks below zero in the Eastern Shore counties as well as in the western or mountainous section of the State. In the country about Salisbury birds, fowls and rabbits are found in large quantities frozen to death. There is much suffering among cattle in the marshes and many will die. The Wicomico and Nanticoke rivers are frozen solid for miles, and in many places in the lower Wicomico the ice is banked five feet high.

A despatch from Ocean City states that the surf is frozen over for a quarter of a mile at sea, and snow drifts are so deep on the shore that the life-saving crew make their nightly tours with much difficulty.

Shinpuxent Bay is frozen over and ducks are so plentiful that they are offered at less than forty cents a pair. Princess Anne reports the oyster business at a stand-still and the town crowded with dredgers who have trambed from Crisfield and Deals Island where they can no longer needed, the ice making dredging impossible.

There is no record of such cold weather heretofore in the State, either in severity or duration, and the "oldest inhabitant" cannot conjure a parallel.

Tennessee Rivers Blocked by Ice.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 16.—Never in the history of the central South has there been so much suffering from cold weather as at present. All rivers have been blocked with ice and snow, rendering passage over them impossible. Many trains are late, and some have been abandoned by their suffering crews.

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