

LIVES SAVED BY ACAT. HIS ARDOR COOLED. CUT OPEN HIS WIFE'S HEAD. IS IT WIFE-MURDER?

It Mewing Aroused Mrs. Smeltzer to Danger from Fire. Wild West Jerry Martin Tamed by a Policeman.

Found Her Brooklyn Store Ablaze and Sent in an Alarm. Insisted on Burns' "Barnacles" Having Something on Him.

Five Tenants Badly Burned Before Firemen Could Rescue Them. When Asked to Settle, He Began to Clean Out the Saloon.

Five persons were seriously burned in a tenement-house fire which broke out at 2:30 o'clock this morning at 29 1/2 street, South Brooklyn.

Had it not been for the pitiful "meow" of a half-smothered cat, which awakened one of the tenants, who aroused the rest, it is likely that several lives would have been lost.

The persons burned are: Margaret Ryan, twenty-four years old, burned about the arms, face and legs.

Bridget Ryan, her mother, thirty years old, badly burned about the arms and hands.

John Coaglin, thirty years old, burned about the neck, hands and face.

John Coaglin, Jr., eight years old, burned about the hands and face.

Mrs. Kate Coaglin, twenty-eight years old, burned about the arms, chest and body.

All the injured persons were removed to the homes of neighbors.

The house is a three-story double tenement, and about forty persons made their homes in it. The building is on the water front of Red Hook.

At 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Minnie Smeltzer, a widow who keeps a grocery on the ground floor of the tenement, was awakened from a sound sleep by the "meow" of her pet cat in the hall.

She arose and opened the door to let the cat in when she noticed smoke in the hall and heard the crackling of burning wood.

Mrs. Smeltzer ran into her store to see where the fire was and was nearly overcome by smoke.

She staggered out, and then ran up stairs when she noticed other tenants that the house was on fire.

Then the woman ran down through smoke and flames into the street which caused an alarm to be sent in to Fire Headquarters.

In the mean time, the fire was spreading fast, and most of the tenants on the upper floors found escape by the stairs, but some of them climbed across from the windows into the next house.

The fire and the noise which occupied the third floor, tried to escape by the roof, but found that it was impossible to push the floor which held down the cover to the skylight.

They were pinned in with apparently no other chance of remaining than by jumping from the windows.

Some of them got up on the sill to jump, but were unable to do so because of the heavy smoke rolling up the front of the house from the floors below.

The crowd in the street cried for the firemen to hurry to wait for the firemen.

The stamping of the fire bells from the direction gave them courage, but each minute seemed an hour.

They were kept in their way up the burning stairway into the street, led by the elder Coaglin.

When they reached the way and the flames crashed down, the flames leaped up to the second floor and the tenants were forced back again.

When the firemen reached up their ladders they were unable to get into the house because of the less burned and had to stand.

Old Mrs. Ryan was carried down the stairs by a fireman, and Mrs. Kate Coaglin, who were unconscious, and their hair was matted with soot.

A signal for all the ambulances in the western part of the city was sent out, and the ambulances attended to the injured at the homes of neighbors in the street.

Several physicians in the neighborhood were also in attendance.

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attended in a body the opening session of both houses, which occurs Monday, Sept. 19.

CLOWNEY IS ALIVE. (By Associated Press.)

BRIDGTON, N. J., Aug. 14.—Mrs. William H. Clowney received a telegram from her husband this morning from New Orleans to the effect that he is alive and well.

A few days ago a man was found on the outskirts of New Orleans with his head crushed and his body badly mutilated. The description of the man corresponded with that of Mr. Clowney, who went to New Orleans recently.

Mrs. Clowney forwarded a photograph of the supposed murdered man, and the authorities positively identified the dead man as Clowney. Clowney is an insurance agent and has an office in Philadelphia.

SATOLLI AT THE SHRINE. (Special to The Evening World.)

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 14.—The father of Samuel Kriebler, the four-year-old boy who was injured by a New York fire truck on Aug. 4, has brought suit against the Consolidated Traction Company for \$15,000 damages.

The boy is still at St. Michael's Hospital in treatment condition. Other suits recently filed against the same company are Joseph Dillon for \$1,000 and Frank DeBorja for \$2,000.

Jersey City Concert Hall Raided. The concert hall of Gustave Reiber, at 203 Grove street, Jersey City, was raided by the police last night. Reiber was reported to sell liquor and a large quantity of liquor was found in the hall.

He was arraigned before Justice Potts this morning and fined \$100. Reiber is the last of the "concrete hall" proprietors to have been taken from their places in Jersey City in obedience of the police.

Peter Hamilton Killed. (Special to The Evening World.)

CHERRY HILL, N. J., Aug. 14.—Peter Hamilton Zabratz, whose death was reported in the daily papers of New York City three months ago, died yesterday afternoon of quick consumption. The deceased was a son of Andrew Zabratz, a well-known barber, police.

Was This Child Abandoned? A female child two days old, was taken to Police Headquarters at 5 o'clock this morning by Mrs. Kate Armitage, of 10 Henry street.

The child was found lying on the sidewalk one when she came out of the hallway of her house this morning. The police are investigating the case. There was only an old shoe with her on the child.

Cohen Denies the Charge of Theft. Henry Cohen, two years old, of 274 Allen street, was committed to the Gerry School pending an examination into his character in Essex Market Court to-day. He charged a charge of stealing a gold ring from the neck of Mrs. Marie Cohen, of 125 Christie street, who made the charge against the boy.

MUST NOT SHOUT AT ASBURY. (Special to The Evening World.)

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, N. J., Aug. 14.—A fine specimen of a manate shark was caught to-day by a party from the Portland Hotel.

They were outside the Hook on the yacht Brunhilde, Capt. W. D. Overton, and were engaged in bliss fishing. The shark took the bait hook and after a severe struggle was captured. He was nearly nine feet long and weighed 250 pounds.

The capture was lawyer W. Sim Nicholas and Phil Gerry. Gerry, who has the big catch in charge, and is exhibiting it to hundreds of curious on-lookers. He says that the shark is a manatee and mounted. Some of the bathers on the other side of the Hook are now very cautious about getting into deep water, because this fellow was here a foot long, with rows of great teeth.

Newsboys Liable to Arrest There as Disorderly Persons. (Special to The Evening World.)

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 14.—Word has been sent along the line of Asbury Park's famous police force that hereafter, if any newsboy is caught crying the morning papers after 8 o'clock, he is to be at once apprehended and landed in the lock-up as a disorderly person.

Samuel Smith has, as an extra precaution, placed two special officers in citizens' dress on duty, with orders to capture all youngsters breaking this latest law.

The boys will be allowed to go about the streets and speak to passers-by in a general way, but they will be allowed to sell only if they are not allowed to call their wares at all.

Police School Remembered. (Special to The Evening World.)

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J., Aug. 14.—A meeting of the Board of Education, held last evening in Park Public school, George Street, a resolution was adopted changing the name of Park school, formerly District 15, to Public School No. 1, and District 16, formerly District 16, to Public School No. 2. It was also agreed that the Board

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