

EXPLOSION IN ENGINE HOUSE INJURES 3.

Hot Water Burner of Coney Island Company No. 144 Blows Up.

The burner which supplies the hot water for Engine 144 of the Fire Department exploded at 10.45 this morning and a great crash followed. The house, which is on Fifteenth Avenue, near Surf Avenue, Coney Island, was not much damaged, but the fifteen men of the company, including Capt. Charles Alcorn and Lieut. Henry Campbell, were badly shaken up.

Charles Wackerman had his right leg broken and received a compound fracture of both arms. In addition, he suffered from numerous cuts and bruises. He was removed to the Norwegian Hospital.

TENNESSEE CLAFLIN IS LEFT WITH BIG FORTUNE.



LADY COOK (TENNESSEE CLAFLIN).

Sister of Victoria Woodhull—Both Caused Sensations—Thirty Years Ago.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Tennessee Claflin, whose husband, Sir Francis Cook, died last evening, is expected to sail for America as soon as the details of the vast estate he left to her have been arranged. Sir Francis's death had been expected for some days. He married Miss Claflin in 1858.

know the once famous partnership which in 1829, under the style of Woodhull & Claflin, took Wall street by storm and built up an enormous stock brokerage business on the foundation, not of a connection with the Stock Exchange, but of reputed friendly relations with Commodore Vanderbilt, James Fisk, Jr., and other powers of the Street in those days, and real or imagined tips received from them.

BURNED TO GET INTO BUSINESS.

Negro Set Fire to House so He Might Buy Threshing Machine.

(Special to The Evening World.) POLICE REPORT: On Feb. 18, to get money to embark in business, Charles Miller, colored, thirty-seven years old, is charged with burning the house in which he lived at Sylvan Lake, Dutchess County, and Theobald Adams, thirty-three years old, constable of the town of Hopewell, is charged with inciting him to commit the crime. Both are in jail in this city. Miller was arrested Saturday night, and on his confession the constable was arrested Sunday.

DISLIKE SCANNELL CONTROL

Richmond Firemen Protest Against New Financial Plan. The firemen of Richmond Borough held a meeting yesterday afternoon at Tompkinsville to protest against the bill introduced at Albany by Senator Ahearn by which the control of the finances now held by the city passes into the hands of the Fire Commissioner Scannell.

Handkerchief Department.

Exceptional Values. Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, sheer pure linen, 1/4 and 1/2 inch hems, 54c. half dozen. Ladies' Unlaundered Handkerchiefs, initialed, sheer cloth, small Script letter, 1/4-inch hemstitched hems, 12 1/2 cents. 500 dozen Ladies' Handkerchiefs, sheer cloth, hemstitched and embroidered, lace trimmed and scalloped edge pure linen, some French colored effects, 23 cts., values up to 50c. each. Lord & Taylor, Broadway & 20th St.

Bloomingdale's

Women's Cloak Clearing Sale. Very great reductions in this department to clear our stock quickly. Don't imagine that spring is here just because we do this. You can get nearly a season's wear out of these jackets, and the styles are so late that they will be very acceptable for spring.

Brilliantine Waists, \$1.98. These waists are made of fine black brilliantine, with the entire backs and fronts cluster tucked, and are finished with points and crochet buttons; they have separate collars and the new shirt cuffs. All of the waists are lined. They come in sizes 32 to 46 inches.

Fine Furs for Little. These prices are about one-third their value. This is an excellent opportunity to secure a fine fur scarf or muff for little. Just the thing for February, March and April weather.

FIREBUG IN FLAT-HOUSE.

War Veteran Carried Out of Burning Apartment.

The Fire Marshal is looking for the man who set fire to the apartments of W. Hitten, on the second floor of Nos. 116-8 West One Hundred and Third street; drove the tenants out in a panic during which there were some gallant rescues, and caused a loss of \$1,000.

DEATH GETS LAST OF FAMILY.

John Ebbs Had No Living Relative When He Fell in Water.

Death, which has relentlessly pursued John Ebbs, of 163 Hudson Avenue, Brooklyn, came to him unawares some time during the night. His body was found this morning in Wallabout Bay, wedged between piles at the foot of Clinton Avenue. There were indications that he had fallen into the water.

Justice Blanchard holds in a decision just handed down in Supreme Court that a probationary appointee under the civil-service rules cannot be summarily dismissed while serving his probationary term. The appointee is entitled to a hearing, even though his services are alleged to be unsatisfactory.

STOLEN SPEECH WON A PRIZE.

George W. Kehr, a Princeton Student, Expelled for Plagiarism.

The students at Princeton University are astounded at the discovery that has been made that one of their number was guilty of plagiarism in using another man's oration in contesting for a prize, of which he was declared the winner.

At a Half, a Third or a Quarter of Regular Prices

At 15c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 50c. There are large counterfoils of Books at each of the most important prices. So great is the movement that the main and other principal aisles of the main floor are devoted to counterfoils of Books, in addition to the regular Book Store.

The Wanamaker Store Publishers' Round-Up & Trade Sale of BOOKS

Combined Purchases of More Than A Hundred Thousand Volumes. This is the greatest transaction of the year for both publishers and readers. Our Trade Sale offers publishers prompt distribution for all worthy ends of editions left over from the year's business.

FIREMAN'S SKULL BROKEN.

"Back Draft" Swept Flannery Off His Feet.

Assistant Foreman John Flannery, of Engine 104, Brooklyn, received a fractured skull, from which he may die, by the powerful action of the dreaded "back draft" at a fire which gutted the five-story storage warehouse 47 Dean street to-day.

CIVIL SERVICE FAR-REACHING.

Probationary Appointee Cannot Be Dismissed Without Trial.

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PABST PORTICO DOOMED.

Judge McAdams Refuses to Restrict Commissioner Keating.

The Pabst portico, at Forty-second street and Broadway, must come down in accordance with a decision to-day by Justice McAdams in Supreme Court. The case came up in the form of an application for an injunction made by Charles Thorley and James B. Regan, respectively proprietor and lessee of Pabst's Hotel, to restrain Commissioner Keating and Sullivan from interfering with the portico.

SUSPECT INCENDIARISM.

Mattress Soaked with Kerosene in a Sailor's Boarding-House.

Fire Marshal Bryman, of Brooklyn, is investigating a suspicious fire which occurred at Van Brunt and William streets yesterday morning. When the firemen arrived they found fires started in five places; candles were used and mattresses saturated with kerosene.

LITTLE GIRL DEAD BY FIRE.

Her Dress Caught and She Died While Parents Beat Out Flames.

(Special to The Evening World.) BRIDGETON, N. J., Feb. 18.—Grace Kelly, seven years old, was burned to death at Port Norris.

HURT BY EXPLODING LIME.

Price Slaked It in a Closed Glass Jar.

Morris Price, of 216 Stone Avenue, Brooklyn, will lose his sight because of his carelessness in handling quicklime.

IN COURT IN TRAMP OUTFIT.

Sept. Mason Appeared in Ragged Garments in Debt Case.

When George Mason, Superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company, appeared in the Brooklyn Supreme Court to-day, he was dressed like a tramp.

IN COURT IN TRAMP OUTFIT.

John Schaff Claimed that He Had Loaned Mason \$1,000 and He Could not Get It Back.

John Schaff claimed that he had loaned Mason \$1,000 and he could not get it back resorted to supplementary proceedings.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Table with shipping news including arrival and departure of steamships.

Solid Gold Spring Eyeglasses, 85c

Celebrated silex crystal solid gold spring Eyeglasses. These goods are scientifically made by the best optical manufacturing concern in the world.

American Flag

Don't Forget to Display the American Flag on Friday, Washington's Birthday. We have them for you, all sizes, and at almost all prices.

Housefurnishing Helps.

Wise housekeepers to-morrow will embrace the chance we offer to add to the kitchen equipment or replace the worn-out needfuls at a very slight outlay. The following prices speak for themselves:

Wilson Pianos, \$1 Per Week.

Secure a Wilson Piano at once. They are the STANDARD OF PERFECTION. As good as the usual \$300 Piano. The Robert Wilson Piano, including Stool, for \$155, on very easy terms.