

PRICE ONE CENT.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1902.

PRICE ONE CENT.

CAR FILLED WITH WOMEN CAUGHT IN SHEET OF FLAME

Twenty-third Street Trolley Enveloped by Blue Lightning-Like Fire That Descended from Third Rail on "L" Structure—Panic Follows—Passengers Try to Leap Through Windows—"Sharp Current" the Accident's Cause.

As a Twenty-third street cross-town electric car passed under the elevated structure at Second avenue, shortly after noon to-day, a sheet of blue flame descended, lightning-like, from the third rail or chanced rail of the elevated, and met a similar stream of fire from the charged conductors under the street car tracks.

The car, which was occupied mostly by women, was enveloped in electric flames.

In the panic which followed the passengers made frantic efforts to escape. Several tried to jump from windows, while those who reached the platform leaped in such wild confusion that many were injured.

Mary McParland, of No. 281 First avenue, was standing on the street waiting for the car to pass when the electric flame appeared. She was knocked down and badly burned about the face, neck and arms.

Kate Cannon, twenty years old, of No. 30 East One Hundred and Nineteenth street, jumped from the car and was badly bruised.

Anna Daly, forty-seven years old, of No. 215 East Fifty-third street, jumped from the car and was also severely bruised.

Marie Warden, seven years old, of No. 31 East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, was burned and bruised.

The injured were carried to the De Mill Dispensary, near the corner, and after treatment there were sent to their homes.

A few seconds after the Twenty-third street car was struck a Second avenue surface car was passing the corner, and again the lightning-like sheets of flame from the elevated dropped and touched the street. A loud, sharp report followed these displays. The passengers of the Second avenue car, too, were thrown into a panic.

The peculiar flames were caused by the third rail of the elevated road being overcharged, electricians say, and by the double currents of electricity meeting under the surface tracks at that corner.

The two powerful currents, being brought close together by the passing of the car, created an affinity sufficient to draw the electricity from each point in great sheets.

LIGHTNING BOLT HIT CAR IN BROOKLYN.

During thunderstorm this afternoon lightning struck trolley car No. 484 of the Newtown line, as it reached the corner of Grand and Humboldt streets, Brooklyn.

There were thirty passengers aboard and all were more or less shocked. One of them, Mrs. Kate Kirchoff, forty-three years old, of No. 323 Humboldt street, being knocked unconscious from the car to the street. Her ten-year-old son George, who was with her, was also thrown out, but he escaped with a slight shaking up.

A panic among the passengers and people in the neighborhood followed, and when the police arrived they found a shouting mob surrounding the car and another crowd standing about Mrs. Kirchoff, who still lay unconscious, while several persons were running about as though bereft.

The police were about to lift the woman to the sidewalk when her husband, who had been summoned from his home, three blocks away, drove through the throng in a wagon accompanied by his twelve-year-old daughter.

The man and child added to the confusion, Kirchoff demanding that nobody touch his wife, while the little girl threw herself on the prostrate form of her mother, weeping hysterically.

The man was quieted somewhat and helped to carry the woman to a nearby drug store. While awaiting the arrival of an ambulance from St. Catherine's Hospital the police restored order on the street and found some others who had been injured.

Surgeons Roth and Hart, of the hospital, upon their arrival declared Mrs. Kirchoff badly injured. They restored her to consciousness and she complained of great pain in her back. Her husband was taken, however, to allow her to be taken to the hospital, and calling to a driver who was standing near by, put his wife in a carriage, and with her and his children drove home.

Others who required the services of the doctors were William Pastel, of the Avenue, near Lorimer street; Joseph Kennedy, William Jenkins and Edward Jones, whose addresses were not given. All were seriously shocked and slightly burned. Several women who felt the electric bolt went home unattended.

Traffic was stopped for some time, the fire of the car having blown out. The lightning struck the trolley wire, ran down the pole and entered the car near the centre seat.

Slight damage was done in the vicinity of the happening.

VANDERBILT COMPLAINS OF COAL SMOKE.

Cornelius Starts Crusade Against Farmers' Feed Company for Burning Soft Coal.

THIS SURPRISES COURT.

Magistrate Hogan Asks Why the Lesson Is Not Taken to Hear by New York Central Road.

Magistrate Hogan in the Yorkville Court this afternoon expressed himself as much surprised, when a witness testified that Cornelius Vanderbilt had objected to the use of soft coal by the Farmers' Feed Company at the foot of East Seventy-sixth street.

Fred Walters, the superintendent of the company, had been arraigned for burning soft coal, and Assistant Corporation Counsel Steele appeared to prosecute. One of the witnesses called was Clemens Gordon, the resident manager of the East Side Settlement house, which is located near the Farmers' Feed Company. Mr. Gordon testified as to the burning of soft coal, saying that it had ruined some clothing and penetrated the library. He then went on to say that Cornelius Vanderbilt, who is one of the directors of the institution, had found fault with the burning of the coal.

"Why, Mr. Vanderbilt is running a railroad whose trains go through the heart of this city. It is using soft coal. Why doesn't he take the lesson to heart," said the Magistrate.

Mr. Walters apparently did not like the remarks of the Court for he immediately said that had nothing to do with the case and that the nuisance ought to be abated.

Mr. Walters was first arrested on July 10, but his case was paroled until today to give him a chance to put in smoke consumers. Mr. Steele said the nuisance had not been abated, although Mr. Walters said that the work of installing the smoke consumers was being done as rapidly as possible. He also said that he couldn't get hard coal and had to burn the soft of close his place.

Magistrate Hogan, "where a public official, who has since resigned, used soft coal in his department and didn't close up his department."

"Yes, but his successor is now using hard coal," said Mr. Steele.

"Am I going to be held responsible for all the smoke in that neighborhood," asked Mr. Walters. "There are other places from which black smoke come and then there are the boats that anchor in the harbor."

"Why that ridiculous thing to say," said Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Steele, the Magistrate to impose a fine, but Magistrate Hogan refused, saying he would make a personal investigation, and then adjourned the case until Saturday morning. Walters was paroled.

GIANTS AND REDS PLAY SECOND GAME. NEW YORK-CINCINNATI

SCORE BY INNINGS.
NEW YORK 0 0
CINCINNATI 1

At Pittsburg—End fifth: Boston, 0; Pittsburg, 1.

MRS. MADAUS DECLARED NOT GUILTY.

Mrs. William Madaus, who has been on trial on the charge of killing her husband, was this afternoon declared not guilty by the jury.

RESULTS AT BRIGHTON BEACH.

Fifth Race—Red Knight 1, Warte Nicht 2, W. R. Condon 3.

RESULTS AT ST. LOUIS.

First Race—Hurry 1, Kimberley 2, Dan Cupid 3.
Second Race—Moikery 1, Latuka 2, Lazzare 3.

WASHINGTON PARK RESULTS.

Second Race—Trentham 1, Cogswell 2, Peat 3.

BROKER LOCKED UP FOR CONTEMPT.

Frank Irsch a general broker at Nos. 1 to 5 Old slip, and who resides at No. 107 East Twenty-third street, was locked up in Ludlow Street Jail to-day on order of Justice Dugro for contempt of court in failing to pay Mary Irsch \$3,779.50 arrears of alimony which has accrued since Dec. 24, 1893.

MESSENGER LOST TWO \$100 BILLS.

Harris & Fuller, brokers, at No. 45 Broadway, sent out a notice this afternoon that a messenger boy in their employ had lost two \$100 bills.

BRIDGE COMMISSIONER IS WEDDED BY CONTRACT.

Gustave Lindenthal and Gertrude Weil Sign Document Showing They Are Married.

By the filing of a marriage contract in the City Clerk's office, it became known to-day that Gustave Lindenthal, Commissioner of Bridges, was married last Thursday by a marriage contract provided for in a law which went into effect on Jan. 1 of this year. The contract which the Commissioner made is numbered 128 in the list so far filed in City Clerk Scully's office.

The bridegroom is in the usual form, the bridegroom agreeing to take the bride for wife, and the bride agreeing to take the man for husband. The names of the contracting parties as signed read: Gustave Lindenthal, No. 525 West One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, and Gertrude Weil, No. 109 West Seventy-seventh street.

The witnesses were Herman Ritter, giving his address as No. 47 East Eighty-fourth street, and Estella A. De Lima, of New Brighton, S. I.

The marriage contract was sworn to on July 10, the day of the marriage, before Arnold Charles Weil, Commissioner of Deeds. He is a partner in the firm of Weil & Weil, at No. 120 Broadway, which firm are said to be brothers of the bride.

When the Commissioner was asked about it, he replied: "Well, I guess it's all legal."

CONGRESSMAN FOUGHT DOG TO SAVE CHILD IN ATTACK.

Wachter of Maryland, Bitten in Struggle with St. Bernard—Daughter Also Injured.

BALTIMORE, July 15.—Congressman Frank C. Wachter was badly bitten on both hands to-day while defending his little daughter Hattie from the attacks of a full-grown St. Bernard dog.

Although the Congressman mastered the savage brute in a desperate fight, he was not in time to save the child from injury, she also being severely bitten. Mrs. Wachter, who watched the struggle, was prostrated with shock.

The encounter happened in the yard of Mr. Wachter's home. Hattie was playing with the animal, when suddenly the dog uttered a growl and sprang upon the child, fastening its teeth in her arm. The little girl was thrown to the ground by the animal, which stood over her snarling.

Mr. Wachter, who was in the house at the time, heard his child's screams and rushed into the yard. Seeing her peril, he seized the animal by the collar and tried to drag it away. The dog turned upon Mr. Wachter, and a desperate struggle followed.

The Congressman is of powerful build, but the dog was an unusually large specimen, being nearly three feet in height, and only with the greatest difficulty did Mr. Wachter succeed in throwing it aside while the girl escaped out the door.

Mr. Wachter was compelled to defend himself from the attack of the animal, which ran at him with renewed fury. After a hot struggle he succeeded in hurling the beast from him and made a dash for the door to the house, snatching out the dog.

A policeman was called and he shot it, while a doctor cauterized the wounds of the Congressman and his little girl. Father and child will be taken immediately to the Pasteur Institute in New York for treatment.

at Winber, Pa., about noon to-day, killing four men and injuring many others. Number 4 mine is about seven miles from the Mill Creek entrance of the Rolling Mill mine, where the terrible explosion occurred last Thursday.

Probably four-fifths of the men who survived the awful explosion in the Cambria mine returned to work to-day.

Study Man's Train to Chicago. Pennsylvania Special leaves New York and Erie over day. Dining car; buffet smoking car.

JULY CORN CORNER OFF; "SHORTS" HAVE SETTLED.

Chicago Manager of Harris, Gates & Co. Announces that His Firm Has No Longer Any Interest in Deal—No Figures Given Out as to Terms of Settlement—Big Slump in Prices.

CHICAGO, July 15.—General Manager Scotten, of the Harris-Gates Company, made a statement to the Evening Post that shortly before the closing hour to-day a settlement was made with shorts in July corn and that his firm had no further interest in supporting prices.

This virtually ends the July corner.

John W. Gates and his associates in the corner who were said to have 20,000,000 bushels of July corn, arrived in New York from Chicago last night. Their departure left the Chicago market without support.

The Gates party held a meeting in the office of Harris, Gates & Co. this afternoon. No statement was given out.

To-day's transactions in the Chicago wheat pit clearly indicated either the collapse of the corner or the withdrawal of the Gates party from the market, in order to let the price down and check shipments.

The terms of the settlement reported in Chicago have not been made public, and no estimate of profits or losses can therefore be made.

Corn touched its highest figure July 8, when it was quoted at 90. It was predicted then that "dollar corn" was in sight.

At that time the Gates crowd seemed to have everything in its hands. It was said that shorts would have to get 1,000,000 bushels a day into Chicago to make good on contracts, and the profits of the corner were figured around \$4,000,000.

July corn dropped more than 15 points in Chicago to-day, which would wipe out a great part of the paper profits of the deal. It is understood that much of the corn held by the syndicate was purchased at 60 to 65. Settlement at anything above those figures would let the Gates people out with substantial profit.

HUGE DROP IN THE PRICE OF JULY CORN AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Corn fell with a thud at the opening of trade to-day. Fair weather, lower cables and immense receipts broke the market and incidentally put an end to John W. Gates's corner in July options.

All interest was centered in the corn pit, where July was cutting queer capers. The opening was weak, one to two cents down from yesterday's close at 80c. to 79c. There seemed to be no support within miles of the pit, and left to itself, the market plunged headlong under the hammering of the elated bears.

Prices Took a Big Slump. In the first hour of business 10 1/2 cents was knocked off the price of July, 69 1/2 being the price, or a loss of 20 1/2 since the fancy price of 90 cents that this option brought during the recent rainy weather. Later the price declined to 67 1/2.

The close was at 65 1/2. There was no controlling the break during the early hour. Fluctuations were mostly one cent apart. September was in a measure weak also, opening unchanged to 3-8c, down at 61 to 60 5/8c, and selling off to 60 1/4c.

Receipts were very large at 827 cars, 208 of contract grade. Private elevators marketed 310 cars and 50,000 bushels, making a total of 414 cars and 50,000 bushels of contract on the market, or about 500,000 bushels for to-day.

This with that of 550,000 bushels yesterday and prospects of half a million bushels a day for some time yet, and delivery closing day two weeks of stamped the crowd.

All hands argued that no corner could withstand such abundant offerings.

All natural conditions and influences favored lower prices when the opening gong started business on the floor of the Exchange. Almost perfect weather in the corn belt for the last four days, and more of it promised, took all the life out of the bull following.

Wheat followed the corn break, although it had bearish news of its own. Cables were lower, receipts were large and the weather was perfect, with the exception of a few scattered showers in several States. On the decline stop loss orders were executed and influenced further dips. Selling was general in the pit and almost the only buying was by the scalping shorts.

GATES IN NEW YORK MEETING AT OFFICE.

John W. Gates, Col. Isaac L. Elwood, John F. Harris and "Charley" Gates—all of the firm of Harris, Gates & Co.—arrived from the West last night.

A meeting was held this afternoon at the office of Harris, Gates & Co. John W. Gates, who was the central figure in the corner in July corn, spent most of the forenoon at the Waldorf-Astoria, whence he directed his operations.

His lieutenants and partners were at the Wall Street office of Harris, Gates & Co. early, and their arrival was followed by lively rallies in St. Paul, Atchison and the rest of the Grange group which yesterday it was said they were selling.

steadily downpour. Vivid flashes of lightning lit up the darkening sky and many a summer toilet found for the beach was spoiled before it reached the car.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Wednesday for New York City and vicinity—Thunderstorms and cooler this evening; Wednesday fair; fresh south to west winds, high during thunder storms.

TEMPERATURE.

6 A. M.	72
7 A. M.	72
8 A. M.	74
9 A. M.	74
10 A. M.	74
11 A. M.	66
12 noon	66
1 P. M.	66

To California, returning via Los Angeles, leaving New York at 10:30 A. M. To Louisiana, leaving New York at 10:30 A. M. To St. Paul, leaving New York at 10:30 A. M.

RACED WITH DEATH IN A TUGBOAT.

Mortally Injured Engineer Aboard, Captain Sends Vessel Flying to Gouverneur Street to Get Assistance.

George Dawles, assistant engineer of the tug Volunteer, belonging to Murray & Reed, of No. 39 South street, came to his death to-day in a remarkable manner.

The tug was pushing a lighter into Pier 12, East River, with the steam nearly all out. Suddenly the engine came to a dead center; that is, the valve stem so stuck in the steam chest as to close all ports, preventing any steam from entering the cylinder.

Thomas Stark, the engineer, sent Dawles to make the valve stem move either way, so that the engine could be operated.

Bowles went down into the engine pit and had just moved the stem, when the big crank began to move, squeezing and crushing Bowles's head and arm.

The crew heard the man's cries and came on a run. When Capt. Mosler saw the condition of Bowles he made up his mind that assistance had to reach him quickly. He ordered every pound of steam put on, that the engines would stand, and, taking the wheel, he steered the tugboat in and out of the mass of river craft, taking chances he would have thought foolhardy and criminal ordinarily.

In less than ten minutes the boat steamed into the dock at the foot of Gouverneur street, and Mate Burns, not waiting for the tie-up, leaped to the pier and ran to the hospital, only a block away. Dr. Harold responded, but poor Bowles was dead.

The crew of the tugboat were so overcome by the fatality that they could not work any more for the day and the tugboat was tied up. Bowles was popular. He had worked for the firm for fifteen years. He leaves a widow and several children.

BOY CALLED FIREBUG.

August Ferrugian, fourteen years old, of No. 72 Baxter street, was arraigned in the Tombs Court to-day charged with being an accomplice of John Persini in starting a fire at No. 89 Franklin street on Sunday. He was remanded to the Children's Society until to-morrow, when Persini will be arraigned.

BRIDE NOW SUES FOR A DIVORCE.

Nina Rosenshine, Who Was Wedded to Mack Rosenshine Six Months Ago, Finds Love Letter Addressed to Him.

Mack Rosenshine, who was until April 8 last a member of the firm of Rosenshine Bros., dealers in fashions, in this city, and treasurer of the Boston dyegoods firm of Gross, Strauss & Co., was to-day arrested by Deputy Sheriff Eastlinger, on an order signed by Justice Fitzgerald, of the Supreme Court. He was taken to Ludlow Street Jail in default of \$2,000 bail.

The order of arrest was secured by Simpson & Werner, of No. 52 Broadway, attorneys for Mrs. Nina Rosenshine, who has commenced an action against her husband for an absolute divorce.

She alleged that unless arrested he would leave the jurisdiction of the court.

Mrs. Rosenshine names as co-respondent a woman known as Harriet Rose. She says she was married to the defendant in San Francisco, Jan. 27, last, and came here with him on March 7. He soon began to neglect her and soon this neglect addressed to him fell into her hands.

"My Own Dear Mack—I have been ill and thinking of you all day; in fact, ever since I saw you. You know how I love to have you near me. I have been thinking how very happy we were together a year ago, and now we are miserable. I wish I could see you, and that I could make life worth living for me, and that I could see you with all your true heart, and if it were not for that love I would not please, sweetheart, come down at once to your sweet home."

"I shoved him the letter," said Mrs. Rosenshine, "and he told me he could give me no explanation, but told me it was from a woman."

Adolph G. Kaufman made an affidavit corroborating this wife's statements. He followed the defendant to various places in company with a woman.

LATE-COMING TWINS.

Child to a Mexican Woman Six Weeks After First Arrived.

EL PASO, Tex., July 15.—A Mexican woman in El Paso has given birth to two healthy children, the second one born six weeks after the first. The case has caused considerable comment among physicians.

HUSBAND DIED IN FIGHT WITH HER

Mrs. Madaus, Accused of Murder, Takes the Stand in Her Own Behalf—Case Goes to Jury Promptly.

The prosecution in the case of Mrs. William Madaus, accused of killing her husband, rested shortly after 11 o'clock to-day.

Moses A. Sacha, counsel for the accused woman, then opened for the defense.

Mr. Sacha called the defendant to the stand as the first witness.

Mrs. Madaus said she was thirty-eight years old and had been married to the deceased for more than eighteen years. Altogether she had nine children, six of whom were living.

Asked concerning the killing of her husband, Mrs. Madaus said she had no recollection of having inflicted the fatal blow.

"My husband was very angry all day," Mrs. Madaus testified, "because I had not prepared his lunch for him. I had not expected him home to lunch. When he came home at 6 o'clock again I saw that he had been drinking, and he abused me."

"He caught me by the throat and choked me. He struck me in the abdomen and struck me several blows on the body. He finally caught me by the throat again and banged my head against the window sill. He had me in a corner."

"I picked up my hands to defend myself, but I have no recollection of having struck him with the knife."

"When I saw the blood, I had no idea what had caused it."

Mr. Sacha attempted to prove that Mrs. Madaus had tried to kill his wife on several occasions, but this the Recorder ruled out.

Mrs. Madaus was cross-examined by Assistant District Attorney Clarke, but her testimony was not shaken. She denied that her eleven-year-old daughter Evelyn, who testified yesterday that her father had not struck her mother, was in the room at the time.

While Mrs. Madaus was testifying the little baby which was born in the Tombs to her, was cared for by the woman's oldest daughter in the corridor of the Court-house.

The woman's eleven-year-old daughter Evelyn was then recalled on cross-examination. She testified that she could not remember whether she was present in the room all of the time while her father was quarreling with her mother.

At 2 o'clock the case was given to the jury. The jury went out a little after 2.

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 15.—A blast of dynamite caused an explosion in No. 4 mine of the Glenwood-White Company,

at Winber, Pa., about noon to-day, killing four men and injuring many others. Number 4 mine is about seven miles from the Mill Creek entrance of the Rolling Mill mine, where the terrible explosion occurred last Thursday.

Probably four-fifths of the men who survived the awful explosion in the Cambria mine returned to work to-day.

Study Man's Train to Chicago. Pennsylvania Special leaves New York and Erie over day. Dining car; buffet smoking car.