

LAST RITES AMID IGY HAIL AT FIRE

Priest Attends Woman Taken Unconscious from Blazing Tenement Policemen and Firemen for Witnesses.

TENANTS FLEE IN PANIC.

Majority of Thom Rush Half Clad Into the Freezing Cold of the Street—Two of Them Have to Be Carried Out by the Fire-Fighters.

While the tenants of blazing tenements at No. 25 Spring street and No. 200 Mott street fled in panic from their homes early to-day, firemen carried an unconscious woman down a ladder to the street. They laid her down on the pavement and there in the bitter cold, with freezing spray flying about and with firemen and policemen as the only witnesses, a priest performed the last offices of the Catholic Church for the dying.

The sutor of the woman overcome by smoke was but one of many other rescues.

The fire started under the stage of the Italian theatre, Royal Marquette, at No. 25 Spring street. The three upper floors of the four-story building are occupied by thirty families, mostly Italians who have not been in the country long. The Mott street building which adjoins it was occupied by over 200 persons.

Policeman Sullivan ran through the Spring street building arousing the tenants. On the top floor he was stopped by Ernest Vostu, who told him he needed help with his children and his sick wife and three-days-old baby.

Carry Out Woman. The policeman, with Patrolmen Farley and Shea, wrapped Mrs. Vostu in blankets and carried her and the children to the street, where they found refuge in a bake shop opposite the burning building.

When it was believed that all the tenants had been cleared out of the rooms and halls of the structure, firemen from Engine Company No. 20 found Mrs. Minnie Taylor, of No. 139 Forsyth street, who had been visiting friends in the place, groping in the rooms on the second floor. The smoke was so thick she had lost her way out.

Taking her to a window, the firemen shouted for a ladder, and she was carried down to the street, where she collapsed, and a physician said she was dying. Several of the routed tenants of the building, believing that Mrs. Taylor was one of their nationality, rushed to the Italian church in Mulberry street and secured Father Episcopo.

He returned, and as the firemen and policemen gathered about with their helmets off, the priest administered the last rites of the church while the sleet from the hose-nozzles fell about them.

An ambulance was called and Mrs. Taylor was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where she regained consciousness, and it was found that she was not a Catholic, as had been supposed. Later she was sent to Bellevue, where it was said she might recover.

The police had great difficulty in getting the tenants out of the Mulberry street building, but finally succeeded. The damage to both buildings will amount to \$4,000.

Following the Spring street fire a blaze was discovered in the cloak factory of L. Solomon & Co., No. 59 East Broadway. A metal ceiling on the sixth floor fell and cut several of the firemen, but not seriously. The fire was extinguished after doing \$6,000 damage.

A pan of hot ashes dumped in a garbage can in the kitchen of the Hotel Bingham, Ninety-fourth street and Broadway, attracted the fire department and aroused the sixty guests, many of whom left their rooms in some alarm. The damage was insignificant.

NO RUSH TO SWEAR OFF TAXES.

Commissioner Explains that Increase in Valuations is Offset by the Reduction in Rate.

There was no "rush" on the tax office to-day by persons eager to swear off taxes. Although the valuations have been vastly increased, the Tax Commissioner declared there were fewer protestants to put in an appearance than this time a year ago.

Still, the Commissioners will sit daily to hear protests until July 1 next, by which time the taxpayers will have had their explanations and statements framed up for the edification of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Wells declared to-day that so far as he knew, taxpayers generally were not opposed to the present plan of taxation, at least no complaints had reached his office, he said.

While property valuations have been increased, it is true, he said, "these increases have more than been offset by the reduced rate of taxation. The result of this is that property-owners will pay less in dollars and cents in actual taxes than last year."

Regarding the method of buying personal taxes, Commissioner Wells said that it is a system demanding constant vigilance, and is not absurd as characterized by some.

He admitted, however, that the names of persons to be taxed were selected at random from the city directory. Frequently it was found that after notices were sent to the persons whose names were thus selected, such persons had no legal residence in New York.

FAMILY SAVED FROM BURNING.

Husband and Wife and Little Baby Rescued Just as Parents Were About to Jump from Flames.

FIREMEN PROMPT TO ACT.

Seeing Their Perilous Intention, Korber Dashed Up Scaling Ladder and Restrained Them Until Other Ladders Could Be Run Up.

Three lives were saved from the third story of a burning building at No. 688 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, early to-day, firemen keeping Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Castorine, with their baby, from jumping until they could be rescued with ladders.

The first floor of the building is occupied as a saloon by James McDonald. When the place was closed last night a roaring fire was built to keep the room warm over night. The builders were too energetic, for the stove became so hot that the woodwork was soon ablaze.

Before it was noticed by Policeman McCormick almost the entire building was in flames. He pounded on the doors and awoke the tenants of the building, but the smoke was so dense in the halls that the Castorine family could not come down.

As the flames crept toward them the man and his wife, who clutched the baby in her arms, climbed to the window ledge and seemed about to leap to the pavement, when firemen yelled to them to wait. Fireman Korber went up to the window on a scaling ladder and restrained them until other ladders were run up.

Mrs. Castorine and her child were carried down by Korber, while the husband went down alone.

It was an hour before the fire was fully under control and the surrounding buildings were out of danger. The structure is almost a total wreck from fire and water, the damage being about \$10,000.

DID TRUST MAKE MATCH RULES?

Direct Charge Before Low that Combine's Officials Dictated Regulations Prepared by the Explosives Commission.

ATTENDED ALL ITS SESSIONS

The direct charge was made before Mayor Low to-day that the new regulation for the use of matches prepared by the Commission of Explosives were designed to aid the match trust. John T. Hunter declared that the officers of the trust attended the deliberations of the Commission and dictated the clause providing that no more than 500 matches should be put in a box.

These charges were made at a hearing on the proposed regulations given by the Mayor. It was attended by match manufacturers, retail dealers, jobbers and wholesale and retail grocers, who loudly voiced their opposition.

L. J. Callanan, a Vesey street grocer, declared he had decided objection to the clause which declares that no man or woman can give away matches.

The Mayor in Error. "I see nothing in the regulations about giving away matches," said the Mayor. Then perusing the copy before him the Mayor exclaimed: "Oh, I beg your pardon. I see there is a reference to giving away matches. How about that, General?"

This question was put to Gen. Eaton, of the Explosives Commission, but elicited no reply.

Continuing Mr. Callanan said: "The whole affair is ridiculous. It will be harder to impose these regulations than the Raines law. These regulations will lead to more blackmail than ever before practiced."

"Suppose, then, we leave out the 'giving away' clause," suggested the Mayor. "Even then the whole matter is ridiculous," said Mr. Callanan.

Gen. Eaton said that restrictions in the use of matches were absolutely necessary. New York, he added, is the dumping place for inferior matches, the result being that the worst matches made are sold in here.

Louis E. Gross, of the Retail Grocers' Association of Brooklyn, wanted to know if the practice of cigar-sellers of giving away matches would be prohibited.

"As an experiment," said Mr. Gross, "I made a tour of cigar stores to-day and got a dozen boxes. If the regulations do not prohibit such a practice I would advise every man to go into the cigar business."

John Means, of the New York Retail Grocers' Association, objected to the clause requiring a comparison with duly accepted samples before a sale can be made.

Sturges's Sore Finger. Fire Commissioner Sturges said the character of matches now sold in New York made them a dangerous factor.

And here is evidence, he exclaimed, of the Commission's holding up a burning finger. "That finger was burned to-day by a spark which flew from the top of an inferior match."

HARRY LEHR SAYS HIS "550" WILL BE A SOCIAL SUCCESS.

Former Secretary to Mrs. Astor, Who Alone is Responsible for Addition of One Hundred and Fifty Names to Exclusive Society, Modestly Disclaims All Credit for It.

Though it is solely through his influence that the Four Hundred and Fifty, Harry Lehr, the social arbiter of the smart set, says he does not desire one iota of the credit for the radical change which he has effected since the days of Ward McAllister.

"I am no longer Mrs. Astor's secretary," said Mr. Lehr, when questioned by an Evening World reporter in his home at No. 20 West Fifty-sixth street. "I re-list of those who have recently joined the ranks of the new Five Hundred and Fifty:



HARRY LEHR.

HARRY LEHR'S ADDITIONS TO THE ORIGINAL "400."

- MR. AND MRS. F. R. STURGIS. EDWARD FAIRFAX. FRANKLIN PLUMMER. PHILIP CLARK. W. HAROLD BROWN. WILLIAM F. HITT. HERBERT KING. THOMAS MEYER. A. MULLER WRY. CHARLES CONRAD. FRANCIS RIGGS. REGINALD RONALDS. MR. AND MRS. E. C. FABBRI. MR. AND MRS. J. C. O'CONNOR. MR. AND MRS. F. T. DAVIES. MR. AND MRS. GERALDYN REDMOND. MR. AND MRS. H. G. M'VICKAR. REV. AND MRS. STIRES. MR. AND MRS. LESLIE COTTON. CYRIL HATCH. HENRY BULL. RODERICK TERRY, JR. SCHIEFFELIN STEBBINS. BRADISH G. JOHNSON. ALEXANDER M. HADDEN. LATHROP RANDOLPH. CLEMENT MARCH. ARCHIBALD HARRISON. C. STACEY CLARK. FRANK OTIS. GEORGE W. SMALLEY. MRS. J. J. WYSONG. MR. AND MRS. PEMBROKE JONES. MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK EDEY. MRS. RICHARD M'CREERY. MR. AND MRS. EDWARD C. POST. MR. AND MRS. F. BARNEY. MR. AND MRS. B. C. PORTER. MR. AND MRS. R. DE F. DANIELSON. MR. AND MRS. ARCHIBALD G. THACHER. MR. AND MRS. L. S. THOMPSON. MR. AND MRS. CASIMIR DE RHAM. CAROLIN DUER. EDITH HALL. JEAN REID. DAISY PIERSON. ANNIE LEARY. MARGARET STONE. MADELINE GODDARD. NATALIE WELLS. ELSIE WHELAN. HELEN BARNEY. JOSEPHINE JOHNSON. EVELYN VAN WART. ALICE OLIN. LAURA SWAN. EDITH COLFORD.

signed that post of honor when I was married. Mrs. Astor has increased the number of her intimate friends, but the personnel of the old Four Hundred remains unchanged with the addition of about one hundred and fifty other members of recognized society.

"I noticed a number of new people at the ball, and am sure the enlarged list will prove a success."

The following is the complete

VANDERBILT'S WEDDING PUT OFF

Reginald's Nuptials Delayed, It Is Said, Owing to the Notoriously Growing Out of Canfield Case.

BLAME PUT UPON JEROME.

Family of the Young Man Think He Has Been Unfairly Picked Out to Make Sensation for District Attorney.

The marriage of Reginald Claypool Vanderbilt and Kathleen Nelson, which was to have taken place soon, will be postponed until next summer.

Both are very young, both rich, especially the bridegroom, who has \$10,000,000 of his own, yet fate, and the fact that he is a multi-millionaire, have together brought bitter disappointment to him over a youthful escapade which would be overlooked in an ordinary young man. That would seem to be one of the penalties of being very rich.

The Penalty of Riches. John Jones's son could go to Canfield's and lose a small fortune, yet no one would care, but the son of one of the richest of American families can't indulge in such follies without the news being trumpeted everywhere. The loss of social prestige which follows, even in the smart set, where all sorts of extravagances are looked upon as a matter of fact, is shown beyond doubt by the results. Then there was the publicity of it, which alone is unpardonable.

That the elder Cornelius Vanderbilt would have shown his disapproval, his friends say, might not have been publicly known until his will was read, but some think the young man would not have cared any better than if he had been cut off with a million for marrying against his father's wishes, if his adventure in the gambling-house had happened during the father's lifetime.

Setback for Bright Boy. "Here is a bright young chap," said a friend of the family, "who virtually starts out handicapped in life because he has had no one to give him good advice. He was not of age when he fell into his great inheritance. Fawned upon at preparatory school and college by hypocritical friends, he didn't know the dignity of reserve. He threw his money right and left, neglected his studies at Yale and failed to pass his examination."

"For years, like all the Vanderbilt boys, he was kept down by his father, who was not extravagant. He had enough, but no great lot of money to spend. When his fortune came he started throwing it. Automobiles, yachts and other things he craved he got, and he didn't care."

"He was called to a halt by his brothers, but paid no attention to them. Then he met a charming girl, and she and her mother gave him such unpleasant talk as by that time the Canfield incident will be comparatively old and practically forgotten."

Would Avoid Notoriety. The illness of Mrs. Arthur T. Kemp, the sister of the bride-elect, and the notoriety following Mr. Jerome's escape against "Dick" Canfield, the gambler, in which the bridegroom was named as a possible witness, with all the disagreeable publicity attendant thereon, were urged as reasons why the two families had determined on changing the date of the ceremony.

Mrs. Kemp's health has greatly improved, and it is expected that she can soon leave Roosevelt Hospital.

The Vanderbilt family believe that a Newport wedding will not be the cause of the kind of publicity which has been as by that time the Canfield incident will be comparatively old and practically forgotten.

OHIO MAYOR IN BIG COAL RAID.

Followed by the City Council and a Procession of Citizens, He Confiscates Eight Cars of Anthracite from Railroad.

PAID EIGHT DOLLARS A TON.

BELLEVUE, Jan. 14.—The fuel situation in Bellevue reached an acute stage to-day, and a conference of the Mayor, Councilmen and coal dealers was held. It was learned that there were eight cars of anthracite in the local yards of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad, and it was decided to confiscate the coal.

The fire bell was rung and the Mayor and Councilmen, followed by a small army of citizens, armed with shovels, marched to the railway yards and unloaded the cars in record time.

The Mayor issued orders impaled with the village seal, and the coal was distributed to citizens through the local dealers at the rate of \$3 a ton.

A further search was made and several cars of soft coal were found and unloaded in a like manner. About every wagon in town was pressed into service and the work of delivering the coal was kept up until midnight.

During the raid there were many pitiable scenes of poor men and women pleading for some of the coal.

BEAT BRIDE, GOES TO JAIL.

Duffy Miller Has Been Married but Five Months.

GEN. THOMAS BURIED IN SLEEPY HOLLOW COAL DEALERS MAY GO TO JAIL.

Funeral of Aged Promoter, Clubman and Railway Magnate Held from Family Residence.

TRUE BILLS ARE EXPECTED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Conspiracy indictments against members of at least three hard and soft coal combinations doing business in Illinois and Indiana are expected as the result of the labor of the special Grand Jury in the fuel famine inquiry. It is considered possible that these indictments will include witnesses who have appeared before the investigating body.

This, it is asserted, can and probably will be done through corroborative evidence secured tending to prove guilt brought to the attention of the Grand Jury by the witnesses' own testimony. The jurors were advised to-day, it is believed, in what instances the evidence is deemed strong enough to convict, and true bills may be found late to-day or to-morrow.

SHOOTS DOG, SAVES MAN.

Policeman Drops Animal as It is About to Bite Storekeeper.

Policeman Bernard McCarthy, of Bayonne, can run and shoot accurately with a revolver at the same time. He saw two vicious dogs on Avenue C snapping and growling at the people along that thoroughfare. The dogs, mongrel in breed, were running. McCarthy gave chase, revolver in hand. At twenty-third street one of the dogs was about to bite John Clarke, a storekeeper. McCarthy still running, took aim at the dog, and dropped the animal's head. The dog was about to sink its teeth in Clarke's right leg. McCarthy fired and the dog's second shot hit the animal in the neck, and the second shot in the dog's head killed it.

WOULD MAKE BAIT OF FRANK FARRELL FORCITEDIDN'T BLOW WRECK SKY HIGH.

Charles L. Hoffman applied to Justice Leventritt, in Supreme Court, to-day to have him vacate an order directing Davery's friend, Frank J. Farrell, to appear Jan. 20 for examination as a witness before trial of a suit brought by Roger L. Barstow, Jr., against Farrell, "Jim" Kennedy, Gottfried Waldbaum, Franz Burbridge and the Commercial Clerks' Club, to recover money lost at gambling in the "club," which he says is a dummy name for a gambling house.

Henry G. Quimby, for Barstow, said that the latter "could secure certain information necessary in drawing his complaint from no one else except Frank J. Farrell, believed to be the same as Frank Farrell."

Mr. Hoffman called it all a fishing excursion and Justice Leventritt hinted that there were many reasons for vacating the order. He did not excuse Farrell for examination, however, but took the papers, reserving decision.

R. G. Peckard testified that the forcite was set do his concern on a guarantee that it would "blow sky-high the wreck of a large wood-bull ship as it lay on Flynn Knoll, at the bottom of New York Bay."

But it didn't, the defendant said, and the contractors had a lot of extra work in consequence, and spent \$2,000 for the failure of the forcite. Therefore, the contractors say, they should be forced to pay for the forcite, but are entitled to \$2,000 damages.

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