

FLASHLIGHT MAN STARTS A FIRE.

Photographer Carelessly Tosses a Match Into Celluloid and an Explosion Follows, Doing \$10,000 damage.

PANIC IN THE BUILDING.

Two Hundred Persons Made a Mad Rush for Doors and Fire Escapes and All Got Out Without Injury.

Through the carelessness of a photographer who was taking a picture of a warehouse in the six-story factory building at Nos. 157 and 159 East One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street to-day a fire was started which necessitated two alarms being sent out, did over \$10,000 damage and caused a panic among the employees, numbering about 200 persons, in the building.

A photographer went into the rooms and requested of Mr. Morrison the privilege of photographing the place, saying the pictures were intended for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis.

The photographer arranged his magnesium for the flashlight and touched it off. He threw the match with which he had lighted it to one side, and it fell in a heap of celluloid. This immediately ignited. In an instant there was a loud explosion and the room was filled with clouds of smoke and flames.

In the six floors of the building about 200 persons are employed. In a wild scramble many ran to the stairs while others took to the fire-escapes as the easiest means of escape. One woman only ventured on the fire-escape, and she was assisted in her descent by the encouraging shouts of spectators on the other side of the street. All hands reached the street in safety.

As soon as the celluloid exploded Morrison and some of his employees seized fire extinguishers and fought the flames until an alarm had been sent in summoning the firemen. The fire was confined to the rear of the fifth and sixth floors, but the occupants throughout the building suffered considerable damage through the water pouring down through the building.

When the celluloid ignited the photographer who had been the cause of all the trouble, did not wait to see the extent of his carelessness. He seized his camera and beat a hasty retreat. "I started the fire," he told a policeman in front of the door.

The fire was under control in about twenty minutes and was cleared to be out in a half hour. The firm of Robert Morrison & Son suffered about \$3,000 damage. The sixth floor was unoccupied. On the fourth floor the Verdi Piano Company has a factory and suffered damage of about \$1,500 by water. The firm of Blanchard & Brown, cabinet-makers, of the second floor, were considerably damaged by water, as were A. Kirchner, wood turner, on the first floor, and Paul's machine shop in the basement. The estimated damage to the building is \$2,000. The insurance is not known.

FIERCE FIGHT WITH BURGLARS

Caught with Booty Stolen from Caristadt Post-Office They Resist Arrest with Revolvers—Clubbed Into Submission.

QUEER SECRET WEAPON.

The Hoboken police had a desperate fight with three burglars who had robbed the Caristadt post-office to-day. The officers used their night sticks to such purpose that one of the prisoners had to be taken to the hospital, and the other two were badly cut and bruised.

About 3 o'clock the Caristadt postmaster called up Police Headquarters and stated the post-office had been broken into and robbed by three men. He said he believed they were on their way to New York by the way of the Hoboken ferry, and Sergt. John Platter and Policemen Garrick and Gerken were detailed to watch for them at the ferry-house.

Shortly before dawn the policemen saw three men get off a Caristadt car and intercepted them. The men immediately drew revolvers, but before they could use them the policemen struck them down with their night sticks and a fierce rough and tumble fight followed. The prisoners were finally subdued and led off to the station house. They had only gone a short distance, however, when Leo Davis, one of them, drew another revolver, but Sergeant Platter was upon him in a flash and brought down his night stick on his head, opening a great wound that necessitated his being taken to the hospital.

When the prisoners were arraigned in the police station Roundman Killduff, who was at the desk, noticed a suspicious movement on the part of one of them. He jumped out, seized the man's arms and searched him, finding an exceptionally hammer-headed revolver fixed in his coat sleeve, so that it could be fired with a motion of the arm. The muzzle was pointed toward Policeman Gerken's watch.

When the three men were searched \$250 worth of stamps and \$100 in money, that were taken from the Caristadt post-office, were found. The burglars were arrested before the morning rush for the Grand Jury.

MISSSES AMY AND ELINOR BELL BRIDES AT A DOUBLE WEDDING IN BROOKLYN.



One of the prettiest marriage ceremonies that Brooklyn society has known in many years occurred last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Randolph Bell, No. 414 Fourth street, on the Park Slope. It was the double ceremony which united Miss Amy Bell to Winfield Thurston Bliss, of No. 721 Winfield street, and her younger sister, Miss Elinor Bell, to Thomas Stevenson, of No. 632 Madison street.

MADMAN KILLS BABY AND SELF.

Bars All the Doors of House, Then Takes Revolver and Puts Bullets in the Child's Head.

MOTHER OUT SHOPPING.

In a murderous frenzy Gottfried Flexenberg, forty years old, shot and instantly killed his two-and-a-half-year-old son Frederick to-day, then killed himself by cutting his throat with a razor.

The tragedy took place in Flexenberg's home, at No. 127 Havenmeyer street, Williamsburg. Flexenberg had been an invalid and recently showed signs of mental weakness, but he had never exhibited violent tendencies. His wife left him in charge of the baby boy this morning while she went to the store.

She was hardly out of the house when Flexenberg bolted all the doors and windows of the house. Neighbors heard two shots. When they found the doors barred it was at once suspected that Flexenberg had committed suicide.

Word was sent to the Bedford Avenue Station, and Capt. Dooley, with Detectives Owens and Reynolds, hurried to the house. When they forced the door they found Flexenberg and the baby dead.

From the blood stains through the house it was evident that Flexenberg carried the little boy to his own room and murdered him, pressing the barrel of his revolver against the child's forehead as he shot him. Then he went out to the kitchen and tried to slay the flow of blood. When he did not succeed he carried the dead body of the child from the front to the rear bedroom and lay down beside it to die.

Flexenberg was employed in the Havenmeyer refinery. His widow said that ill health had made him despondent and several times within the last month he threatened to kill her and himself. Their older son, Willie, eight years old, was at school at the time of the tragedy.

MEETING OF THE D. A. R. Mrs. Fairbanks Unanimously Re-elected President-General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Cornelia Cole Fairbanks, of Indiana, was unanimously re-elected President-General of the Daughters of the American Revolution to-day.

FATAL FALL FROM "L" TRAIN.

Robert H. Schaeffer Dropped Fifty Feet to Pavement and Died.

Robert H. Schaeffer fell from an elevated train at the Brooklyn end of the bridge last night and was killed instantly.

MR. WELLS THINKS IT'S HIS OWN OFFICE

Considers It None of the Public's Business Who Swear Off Their Taxes.

The determination of President Wells, of the Tax Department, not to disclose the names of people who call at his department to swear off or have their assessments reduced was evidenced again to-day.

Three carriages with footmen and coachmen stopped at the Chambers street entrance of the Stewart Building, where the offices of the Tax Department are located. The occupants of them were women, who were promptly ushered into the office of Mr. Wells, where they were engaged in conversation with him for some time.

When Mr. Wells was interrogated regarding the matter he became very angry and said: "You shall not know. From the way the papers harp on this subject it's no wonder they drive many people away from New York. Why don't you go over to some bank and find out the names of the people who deposit and draw out their money?"

Mr. Wells concluded by saying that no one would get the information while he was in charge of the department.

Southern Newspapers' Sympathy. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25.—By a rising vote the Southern Association of Newspaper Circulators, which opened its session here yesterday, decided to tender sympathy to A. E. Gonzalez, of the Columbia state, on the recent tragic death of his brother, editor of that paper.

RHEUMATISM IN THE SHOULDER



STOP THE PAIN WITH AN ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTER. This painful trouble can be relieved and cured by using an Allcock's Porous Plaster. Warm the plaster before applying—if not relieved by bedtime, place a hot water bag against the plaster on the shoulder.

REMEMBER—These plasters are good for all pains and aches. They have been in use 55 years, have been imitated more than any article ever sold, and have made more cures than any other external remedy. They are infinitely superior to any belladonna, capsicum or strengthening plaster. Get the Best—Allcock's—The Plaster that Cures.

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