

WOMAN EXPOSED AT "O. F. F." SMOKER

She Showed Admiring Men of Yorkville How She Managed to Escape from the Iroquois Theatre Fire in Chicago.

HER ACT NEEDED NO WARDROBE WHATEVER.

After Jerome's Men Had Taken It All in They Raided the Place and Six Accused of Being Promoters Were Arrested.

The meaning of O. F. F. as applied to the O. F. F. Club of Yorkville is "Out for Fun," but several of the members are out on bail as the result of a chaste smoke given last night at the Old Homestead, in Third avenue between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets.

They were present because of an intimation that had reached Chief Clerk Henneberry, of the District-Attorney's Office, that some of the doings at the smoker promised to be unfit for publication.

The Cause of the Raid.

The show that formed the attraction for the smoker audience was not better nor worse than the average entertainment of the kind until the concluding number. This was the piece de resistance, so to speak. It purported to represent in pantomime the efforts of an actress to escape from the Iroquois Theatre fire, in point of costume, it was more representative of the wanderings of Eve in the garden of Eden before she discovered the apple tree.

Bottled Up in the Hall.

Detectives guarded the door. There was no escape. The entire audience was compelled to remain until the men who were believed to have arranged the entertainment were picked out and placed under arrest. They were taken to the East Eighty-eighth street station, where bail was furnished for all but one.

Lots of Cops There.

County Detective Hammond, who led the raid, and Police Capt. Gorman, in whose precinct the raid took place, were conspicuous in the examination. Capt. Gorman was striving to show that he knew all about it, and Hammond was trying to show that the police knew nothing about it, so far as attempting to do any arresting was concerned.

The "Raid" was premature,

explained Capt. Gorman. "I knew about the thing from an anonymous letter. I went to the Old Homestead with a warrant, but they set the dogs on us and we couldn't get in until after the raid."

BOUND TO SMASH ICE GORGE.

Dynamite, Oil and Water Pressure to Start Susquehanna Jam.

WILKESBARRIE, Pa., Feb. 19.—In the effort to break up the sixty-mile ice gorge in the Susquehanna before the expected spring freshet reaches it, the railroad and county officials are making desperate haste.

Water Spoils the Gas.

The shattered main spouted its great fountain of water for nearly three hours before it was turned off. The flood was so deep by that time that many residents feared that the foundations of their homes would be inundated.

FLOOD SWEEPS UPPER BROADWAY

Big Main Bursts at Ninety-second Street, Water Fills Basements to the Ceiling and Rushes Through Streets.

RESIDENTS RESCUED BY FIREMEN WITH LADDERS.

West End Avenue Mansions Flooded to Street Level—Milkmen Act as Ferry-men and Carry Many to Safety.

A thirty-six-inch water main, carrying a heavy pressure, broke before daylight today at Broadway and Ninety-second street, flooded the neighborhood, nearly drowned a number of sleeping persons and drove the occupants of the numerous exclusive apartment-houses in that vicinity from their beds to the cold streets in meagre attire.

The flood also did thousands of dollars' damage to property in the neighborhood.

The main let go with an explosion like a battle-ship gun. The water spouted up from the fissure in the frozen pavement like a geyser and first found the Ninety-first street station of the subway, which it filled.

Some one turned in a fire alarm, and the residents, aroused by the noise of the explosion, soon poured out into the snow-covered street.

When J. M. Bourcy, janitor of the Annette Apartments, No. 25 West Ninety-second street, his wife, her mother and their daughter awoke their beds were floating around in the water.

Paul Saxe and Abram Friedland, Columbia University students, who live upstairs, broke into her room and carried her through the water down to the street.

Milkman Acts as Ferryman.

A milkman, seeing their predicament, drove his wagon through the flood and helped them all aboard and transferred them in safety to the house at No. 306 West Ninety-third street.

Mrs. Waterman, occupying an apartment in the Annette, became hysterical at the sight of the deluge and emitted a series of screams from her window.

Several men carried her down and to a house out of the flood zone.

John Froelich, Alexander Baker and a house out of the flood zone.

The water, after filling all the basements between Broadway and West End avenue, turned north into West End avenue, down the hill to Ninety-sixth street and then to the river.

But on its way it stopped long enough to fill the basements of numerous homes and apartments.

Several milkmen who had been in the neighborhood on their usual rounds opened a ferry line and did a profitable business carrying passengers across West End avenue.

Mansion Basement Flooded.

The basement of the magnificent home of W. Lutzgen, No. 680 West End avenue, was flooded nearly to the ceiling, as were the homes of S. S. Carvalho, C. Houghton, Philip Jacobs, Frederick H. Roemer, Mrs. Marguerite C. Sloane, E. N. Crane, Charles and Otto Stroh, all of which are classed as the most magnificent in that section of homes.

When the case was called to-day after three adjournments, Lawyer Richardson for Manager Williams, asked for further delay, saying that Lawyer Whitehouse, for the defense, was ill.

Considerable excitement and a great deal of delay was caused on the Brooklyn Bridge this afternoon by the breaking in two of an elevated train near the New York tower.

The train was bound for Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, and while crawling up the grade from the Park Row terminal the local bridge car at the rear pulled out its drawbar. The sudden shock also broke all the electric and compressed air connections.

Passengers were thrown about pretty roughly until the motorman and guards stopped and held the train by the hand brakes. The bridge car ran back several yards before it was controlled.

After much tinkering the Fifth avenue train proceeded, followed by the local car under its own power. Traffic was delayed nearly a half hour, but the Brooklynites, used to such happenings, didn't complain much.

VESTA TILLEY HAS TONSOLITIS.

Vesta Tilley, the concert-hall singer of London, is ill at the Wellington ton-solitis. She was unable to appear last night at the Opera Theatre and money was refunded. She will be well at this place burned down.

VIEWS OF FLOOD CAUSED BY MAIN BURSTING ON BROADWAY AND PICTURE OF FIREMAN WHO NEARLY LOST HIS LIFE. (PHOTOGRAPHED EXPRESSLY FOR THE EVENING WORLD.)



ing about the neighborhood attempting to purchase old stoves, and several upper Broadway hardware stores sold out their entire stocks.

The dealers in hardware also did a rushing business in selling pumps, as many apartments were still a foot deep in water after the flood from the big main had been stopped.

Blames Subway for Damage.

Members of the Fire Department were called to aid in stopping the flood, but they were unable to do anything to prevent the outpouring water from the big main until an official in authority could be found in the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity.

Jacob Henack, one of the firemen who went to the aid of the flood-stricken residents, narrowly escaped serious injury by being caught in a powerful stream of water and washed under a fence, over which the flood poured in a waterfall between the rear of apartment-houses between West End avenue and Broadway, and Ninety-first and Ninety-second streets.

The water poured through this alley between the houses to a depth of six feet, and many families who lived on the lower floors barely escaped drown-

ing because of the timely warning given them by Fireman Henack. Many women and children had to be taken out from the windows, through which the water poured in upon them.

One of the earliest losers from the flood was John Fantuzzi, a caterer, of No. 246 Broadway. His entire stock of confections and fancy fruits in the basement, valued at \$1,000, was ruined.

Commodore W. Lutzgen, of the Columbia Yacht Club, the basement of whose beautiful home at No. 680 West End avenue, was inundated by the flood, was one of the earliest to take a hand in the rescue work.

Mr. Lutzgen did heroic work in assisting the family of his neighbor, Victor Knoch, the piano manufacturer, in escaping from the wall of water that poured in upon them.

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Warden McLaughlin, Deputy Wilson, the keepers and a constable want to know what that means. Does being declared a nuisance by the authorities give the prisoners an adjournment right to go elsewhere and those who are about to enter the privilege of saying "not for me" the time the placards were causing all this speculation the grand jury returned a presentment, Judge Crane condemning the jail. The jurors suggested that the District-Attorney act in the matter at once. Justice Crane commented the Grand Jury and said that any old place with such obsolete plumbing and rotting walls should be given a life sentence somewhere else.

MAYOR ORDERS TRIAL BEGUN

Case Against Brooklyn Theatre Manager Adjourned Four Times.

For the fourth time since Jan. 15 the case of Percy Williams, manager of the Novelty Theatre in Williamsburg, accused of allowing people to stand in the aisles of his playhouse, was adjourned to-day by Judge Lynch in the Third District Municipal Court.

It Breaks in Two on the Bridge, Shakes Up the Passengers and Causes an Awkward Delay in Traffic.

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KILLED BY OWN CONTRAPTION.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 19.—James Hughes, a young farmer, residing at Howard, Steuben county, started out to shoot a troublesome dog, Wednesday night. The shotgun was loaded, and thinking the gun would kick he thought he would test it. He held the gun down by a fence, tied a string to the trigger and pulled the string from a distance. The gun fell sideways and discharged, the shot entering his thigh. He died yesterday morning.

RAYMOND ST. JAIL IS NOW A NUISANCE

Brooklyn Board of Health So Declares It, and the Prison Authorities Are Wondering What Will Happen Next.

The Brooklyn Board of Health, through its secretary, E. W. Scheffer, to-day declared the old Raymond Street Jail more than a common nuisance. Placards were tacked up on the jail outer door and in the offices of the Warden and his deputy that the place was a menace to health and a danger to the community.

Engineer E. O. Nichols Announces that the New Structure Will Be in Full Operation on the National Holiday—Hearings on Plan to End the Crush.

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After Being Taken in and Fed and Lodged, She Deserts the Little One and Has Not Since Been Seen.

Mrs. Margaret Baumgard, of No. 248 East One Hundred and Twelfth street, took a year-old baby to the police of the East One Hundred and Fourth street station to-day, which she said had been left with her by a strange young woman who sought shelter at her home on Monday night.

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STEAMER RAMS BARK IN FOG.

Larger Vessel Sinking to Save Her from Being Hit.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The British steamer, er Lake Michigan, Capt. Owen, from Halifax, Feb. 6, for London, which passed the Isle of Wight yesterday, has been in collision with the British bark, Matterhorn, Capt. Warren, from San Francisco Sept. 18 for Antwerp, and is headed near Dungrues.

SAY POLICEMAN FRACTURED SKULL

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SELEKTING TO FIX "RIPPER'S" GUILT

Taking of Testimony Begun in Trial of Totterman for the Alleged Murder and Mutilation of Sarah Martin.

POLICE CONSPIRACY LINE OF THE DEFENSE.

Court Rebukes Lawyer Goldsmith for Making Charges Before He Has Introduced Evidence to Prove Them.

Taking of testimony in the trial of Emil Totterman, the alleged "Jack the Ripper," for the murder of Sarah Martin in the Raines-law hotel at No. 11 James slip on Dec. 19, was begun before Justice Kenefick and a jury in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court to-day.

Witnesses will positively identify the defendant," Mr. Ely exclaimed, "as the murderer of this unfortunate woman. There is no escape for him. He committed the murder and should pay the penalty."

Dr. O'Hanlon's Evidence.

Mr. Ely put in evidence a diagram and photograph of the room in the hotel where the body was found and then called Dr. O'Hanlon, the Coroner's Physician, to the stand. The doctor testified that he had examined the wounds minutely.

There was a deep vertical wound in the abdominal wall," Dr. O'Hanlon testified. "A second wound across the breast from armpit to armpit, several scratches on the neck and a circular wound around the tip of the nose."

Police Conspiracy Claimed.

Lawyer Goldsmith in his cross-examination was rebuked by Justice Kenefick for his methods. Mr. Goldsmith said: "I intend to show that the entire case against this person accused is a police conspiracy."

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FOUGHT FLAMES IN STORM AT SEA

Crew of Hamburg-American Liner Pallanza Battled Five Hours Before They Could Subdue a Stubborn Blaze.

FINALLY COMPELLED TO USE STEAM PIPES.

Coolness of the Officers Prevented Anything Like a Panic Among the One Hundred and Thirty-eight Passengers.

HALIFAX, Feb. 19.—For five hours the crew of the Hamburg-American liner Pallanza, which has arrived here, fought a fire which started in the hold. The steamer was five hundred miles from shore and was being tossed about in a gale like a chip in a whirlpool at the time.

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