

most thrilling rescues that have ever been seen in this city, and the saved as well as the saviors were cheered to the echo.

Attendant on this fire were other scenes unprecedented in the fire history of this city. In these buildings, recorded on the insurance company's books as the oldest in the financial section of the city, were thousands of dollars in money.

As quickly as possible it was bundled into safes and into cash boxes and taken into the streets. The remarkable sight of men armed with rifles and pistols, the latter drawn and held in plain sight, sitting on safes and guarding boxes of currency and valuable papers was seen on Church street, on Broadway and in Exchange alley.

Among these things now guarded on the street are the valuable records of the Pinkerton Agency, the loss of which would be a disaster indeed to this famous detective agency.

WOMEN QUICKLY ORDERED OUT.

Soon after men who had been working in the basement came rushing upstairs half affrighted. They declared that the entire place was ablaze and that their efforts to extinguish the flames had been futile.

Immediately the manager of the company ordered the women to leave the place without waiting for their hats or coats. The men he ordered to pack up what they could of valuables and follow.

Meanwhile the flames were spreading rapidly. Great volumes of smoke went into the upper floors. On the third floor were a dozen men. All but six of these made a dash through the smoke and got out by way of the stairs.

When they tried to follow they found their exit hopelessly cut off. Going to a front window they shouted for help, but no truck had yet arrived, although an engine company was already pouring water into the basement.

Finally one of the six found a long rope. He made this fast to the window ledge and threw the other end down into the street, where it was grabbed by Policeman Frank M. Roth, of the Old Slip station.

THRILLING SLIDE FOR LIFE.

"Haul it out on an angle!" shouted one of the men in the window. Roth did so, and two citizens helped him to hold the rope taut. Then, one by one, the six men slid down the rope to safety.

The police tried to get the names of the men, but only succeeded in getting four. The other two were so badly frightened that they ran the minute they touched the ground.

As soon as these men were safe Policeman Roth let go of the rope, but a moment later three other men appeared at the window and begged him to grab it again.

The other three went to the roof. There they found that the flames had broken through both Nos. 59 and 61 and that the buildings were ablaze from the basements to the roofs.

The excitement in the street was tremendous over the predicament of these men. All of the extension ladders at the time were up against the Broadway side of these two buildings, and firemen were going in and out of windows looking for persons who might have been overcome and abandoned.

RESCUED FROM THE ROOF.

They made a desperate effort to get the ladders to the roof from the Broadway side, but could do nothing with the flames beating out of the windows and shooting a dozen feet over the roofs.

From the buildings at Nos. 57 and 63 there was a steady outpour of mattresses and coatless girls and men. Few, if any, of these clerks and stenographers stopped to save anything, and the street was full of crying girls and pale-faced men.

Securities to the value of millions were thus exposed, and the police protection being insufficient men armed with pistols and rifles were placed on all who approached. Each man fleeing from the fire got his own guards.

Rifles were obtained from the offices of the express companies and the Pinkerton Agency, which is in the building at No. 57. All brokerage and banking firms have arms for their men who carry valuables through the streets and these men were made guards.

The excitement was added to by the fact that business in the Wall street section closes at noon and hordes of clerks poured out of the great buildings in the vicinity of the fire.

Business on the Stock Exchange virtually went to pieces at 11.30 o'clock, half an hour before the regular time for closing.

MAYOR HURRIED TO SCENE.

When word reached the City Hall that five alarms had been turned in for the fire, the Mayor, who had been an interested spectator of the procession of fire engines and trucks down Broadway, ordering an automobile, went to the scene.

The brokers became excited at the noise of the constantly growing assemblage of engines, and many of them left the floor and hurried to the scene of the fire.

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THRILLING SLIDE FOR LIFE OF MEN HEMMED IN ON UPPER FLOOR OF BUILDING IN LOWER BROADWAY.

Sketched on the spot by McVoy, The Evening World artist.



Ferry station to the "L" was overcrowded with persons anxious to get to the west side by Ninth avenue trains.

Willis A. Jersey, cashier of the Adams Express Company, with a guard of four policemen fought his way through the crowd down Wall street, carrying a big canvas bag containing hundreds of thousands of dollars in bonds, securities and currency.

Fire Chief Croker estimates the loss to property at \$500,000. This does not include the loss of valuable papers, documents, personal property, packages and goods entrusted to the express company for shipment.

Another false alarm. Spring has not come. Cold wave on the way. Will reach here to-night, and to-morrow it will be freezing.

The official weather man—the same fellow who handed us the "old-fashioned" winter—calmly announces: "Clearing this evening or to-night and much colder. Sunday fair and colder, with temperature freezing or below."

Shipping news. PORT OF NEW YORK. ARRIVED. Jacksonville, Fla. ... New Orleans, La. ...

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS. Regina Elena, Naples, Minneapolis, London, St. Louis, ...

Murder on the Street. PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 25.—James E. Tandy, a driver, was shot and almost instantly killed to-day by George F. Fitz, a collector.

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THIRTY FIREMEN OVERCOME BY GAS

Nine Brave Men Are Taken to Hospital and Twenty-one Others Fall Insensible from Fire Escapes.

FIREMEN IN HOSPITAL. Thomas McGirr, thirty, of No. 1506 Second avenue. Conation critical. Joseph Clark, twenty-four, of No. 133 Thirty-sixth street, Brooklyn. Dennis Conley, twenty-nine, of No. 14 Horatio street. Capt. James Doonan, forty, of No. 201 Monroe street. George Feth, twenty-nine, of Highbridge road and the gases and Edward McNeil, twenty-five, of No. 44 Pearl street. Emmett Shields, twenty-seven, of Yorkers street. Lieut. Samuel Roxbury, forty-two, of No. 182 Varick street. Stephen Shea, thirty, of No. 129 Leroy street.

Every man in engine company No. 27 was disabled in a fire to-day which sent forth choking fumes of gas and smoke at No. 26 Duane street. The men fell unconscious in the burning building, and while they lay on the inside twenty other firemen, who attempted to go to their rescue also fell insensible. Some tumbled from the fire-escapes into the streets of their comrades.

Scarcely had a more stubborn man than to fight, and never once, according to Chief Croker, have they used a more dangerous one. The fire was discovered by a policeman shortly after 2 A. M. It was on the fourth floor of the five-story building. The four upper floors were occupied by Charles A. Bennett, manufacturer of brooms. The ground floor was occupied by O. J. Westervelt, commission merchant.

For hours the flames had been smoldering in the broomroom and chemicals used to make brooms, and when engine company No. 27 arrived the building was choked with smoke and gases. With an axe Capt. Doonan and his men beat in the front door and went to the second floor. The open door acted as a funnel, and instantly the flames shot to the roof and the firemen were smothered in the choking smoke and gas and one by one fell to the floor unconscious.

Firemen Shea, Sullivan and McNeil fell near the elevator shaft, and their bodies fell to the basement twenty or more feet below. The other engines had begun to arrive. Engine Company No. 23, under Assistant Foreman Rich, took to the fire-escapes. Engine Company No. 21, under Capt. McAuliffe, ran up the fire-escapes and began fighting the blaze. Reaching the second floor the firemen hoisted in the choking smoke and gas and one by one fell to the floor unconscious.

No. 2 men had no sooner made their way into the smoke-filled floor than they began stumbling over the unconscious bodies of the No. 27 men. Six men were found all unconscious and apparently dead. The cry was sounded that the men were imprisoned in the smoke and gas.

The flames all dropped their hose and went to the assistance of the unconscious men. As they climbed toward the smoke from the windows they were overcome and fell insensible into the arms of their comrades who waited on the street below to catch them as they fell.

Four alarms of fire had been sounded and the blaze was fast giving way to the determined fight. Chief Croker said after it had been got under control the loss would be between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

Engine Company No. 27 has been wiped out three times. McGirr is the only original member of the company and all of his old comrades having met death in the past three years. "McGirr hasn't much chance now," the doctors say.

Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills Must Bear Signature of *Asa Wood* BEER FACSIMILE WRAPPER BELOW.

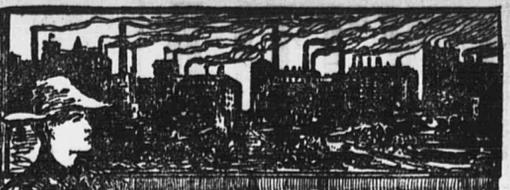
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DIET. HALL, On March 24, 1904, Dr. RALPH W. HALL, V. S., beloved husband of Emma Hall, died at his residence, No. 234 West 21st st., on Sunday, 27th inst., at 1 P. M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

HALLIGAN, On March 25, 1904, MAGGIE HALLIGAN, beloved daughter of the late Michael and Honora Halligan. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral on Monday, March 28, at 1 o'clock, at No. 1163 Madison av.



THE MAN AND THE SOIL

It is a fact that our cities are being over-crowded with young men coming from the country to earn their livelihood in the cities. Our cities are growing so rapidly that only one-half of our population is now living in the country. It is a great crime, says Dr. P. V. Pierce, speaking of the wrong of shutting men and women up in factories and forcing them into occupations which keep them indoors at all times. There is plenty of land and opportunity in the country, and a better chance for making money for the ordinary brain and body, sufficient to give every human being a livelihood and a longer life. The farm yields an income greater than almost any other industrial enterprise, being about 28 per cent on invested capital, and the income of the average farms in the West for 1903 was about 30 per cent greater than previous years. For years our people have been wandering away from nature. The time has now come when people in the cities are looking with longing eyes to a life in the country. The suburbs and rural districts about our great cities are fast filling up; trolley lines, the bicycle and automobile are helping in this. People are learning that the fresh air, sunshine and exercise which sustains life and makes it wholesome and adds years to our existence. There is also tonic value in cold air, for heat is enervating.

CITY LIFE COMPARED.

A city man who works indoors in a stifling atmosphere, filled with the germs of consumption and many other diseases, or who is compelled to ride in badly ventilated street cars, filled with the germs of pneumonia, grip, typhoid, who eats lunches at race-horse speed, is not as happy as a rule as a man living closer to nature in the country, in the fresh air, and a chance to be close to nature in the woods and fields. At the same time, the farmer wears out, spite of exercise and fresh air. One day's work on the farm would tire many a trained athlete. Why does not the farmer treat his own body as he treats the land he cultivates? He puts back in phosphate what he takes out in crops, or the land would grow poor. The farmer should put back into his body the vital elements exhausted by labor. If he does not, he will soon complain of "poor health." The great value of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is in its vitalizing power. It gives strength to the stomach, life to the lungs, purity to the blood, and supplies Nature with the substances that build up the crops. Sweet butter cannot be made in a sour churn. The stomach is a churn. A foul stomach fouls the food put into it. When the food is foul the blood made

from it is foul also. Foul blood means disease. Cleanse the churn and you have sweet butter. Cleanse the stomach and you have pure blood. The far-reaching action of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is due to its effect on the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. Diseases that begin in the stomach are cured through the stomach. There is a big elevator in the human body which adjusts the supply and demand of food materials. All the blood that comes from the stomach and bowels during the digestion of a meal passes first through the liver and certain food matter is extracted. The starches, sugars and fats are stored up by the liver and issued to the system as needed by the tissues, and certain poisonous matters of the food are taken out and gotten rid of by the bile. If the liver becomes clogged or diseased, all these functions are interfered with. Poisonous matters are thrown back into the blood, causing headache, bowel irregularities, and often severe illness, as jaundice, wherein these liver poisons are so abundant as to give a yellow color to the skin. A biliousness is simply the result of an effort made by the liver to catch up when over-worked and exhausted. The "Discovery" is a liver regulator and rich blood maker unsurpassed.

I write to tell you of the great benefit I received from the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery," writes Mr. G. B. Bird, of Brynside, Putnam Co., W. Va. "It cured me of a very bad case of indigestion associated with torpid liver. Before I began the use of 'Golden Medical Discovery' I had no appetite; could not sleep nor work but very little. The little that I ate did not agree with me, bowels constipated, and life was a misery to me. I wrote to Dr. Pierce giving the symptoms, and asked for advice. He advised me to try the 'Golden Medical Discovery' so I began the use of it and after taking four bottles I felt so well that I went to work; but soon got worse, so I again began the use of it and used it about eight weeks longer, when I was permanently cured."

"Please accept my thanks for the good Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has done for me," writes Mrs. N. Chesley of Cleveland, Guyahoga Co., Ohio. "I was troubled for over a year with what the doctor pronounced indigestion. I had nervous headaches, an unpleasant taste in my mouth in the morning, and my blood was very poor. I tried different medicines, but to no avail. My parents insisted on my taking Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I did so; am now on the fourth bottle, and feel stronger than I have for ten years. Cannot speak too highly in its favor."

"I was sick for about three months, had chills, fever, and coughed a great deal," writes Mr. W. L. Brown, of McDearman, Jackson Co., Tenn. "Most of my neighbors and friends thought I had consumption, and my weight reduced to 110 pounds; my physician thought there was little hope for my recovery."

"My wife went to the store to get some anti-febrin, quinine, etc., for me, and a friend of mine (Mr. W. W. McDearman) who had been taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery recommended this medicine for me. Finally I decided to use it, after my physician told me that it would be good for me. I sent and got one bottle, and before all was taken I weighed 149 pounds, a gain of 39 pounds. My weight, after taking the Golden Medical Discovery, has taken nearly two bottles and now weigh 163 pounds, which is more than I ever weighed. I am still gaining strength and taking the 'Discovery.' I wish to say that my weight ago I weighed but 110 pounds. Read all about yourself, your system, the physiology of life, anatomy, hygiene, simple home cures, etc., in the 'Common Sense Medical Adviser,' a book of 1008 pages. Send 31 cents in one-cent stamps to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for cloth-bound copy, or for paper-covered book 21 stamps.

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