

HUNDREDS JUMPED FROM DECK OF BLAZING STEAMER

grow until they enveloped the boat from stem to stern and forced hundreds to leap into the water.

Capt. Van Schalek said that he thought the fire could be controlled; that the rocks would have foundered the Slocum with all on board if he had tried to land at One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, and that if he had reached shore there he would have started a lumber yard and oil tank conflagration that would have proved another disaster. He stuck to the pilot-house until the flames drove him out. Engineer Conklin also stuck to his post in the face of the greatest danger.

The panic-stricken excursionists were penned between the fire and water. One element drove them toward another and death lurked in each. The lifeboats were burned on their davits before they could be reached by the crew.

A survivor named Jacob Miller, who says he is an officer of the Sunday-school, makes a serious charge inasmuch as the Gen. Slocum was inspected only a little over a month ago. He asserts that he was in the cabin aft on the main deck and tried to fasten seven life-preservers on women and children.

"All the preservers," he says, "were rotten. The cork dropped out of the canvas covering. They were useless. I escaped by jumping from the boat to the deck of a tug."

The spread of the fire was incredibly rapid. The first many of the excursionists knew of the danger was when the flames burst upon them from the lower decks.

THROUGHS JUMP INTO THE WATER.

Every tug and launch and other craft in the vicinity crowded after the burning steambot, but had there been hundreds of tugs the task of picking up those in the water would have been too much. After the boat was beached it is estimated that 500 persons leaped into the water.

Policemen in the Bronx and Harlem saw the blazing boat steaming up the river and sent in alarm after alarm. Scores of policemen from Harlem precinct were hurried to Port Morris and they formed a cordon on the beach to keep back the throngs that surged out to see the fire. Twenty ambulances were called and fire apparatus was summoned from all over the Bronx.

All the boats at North Brother Island were sent to the assistance of the people in the water, and as fast as they were brought ashore they were cared for in the pavilions there. The patients in the hospitals became almost insane from fright and because of the terrible scenes they witnessed from their windows.

LITTLE HOPE FOR THE CHILDREN.

There was little hope that any of the children who jumped overboard could be saved. The current all along the course taken by the Gen. Slocum after she caught fire is on a section of the river where not even a strong swimmer can breast the currents.

Scores of little ones were sucked in by the whirlpools in Hell Gate. A man who went out from Astoria in a rowboat says that he saw fifty children drown before his eyes while he was trying to reach them.

Undoubtedly many who delayed jumping into the river were burned to death on board when the decks collapsed. It is said that no attempt was made to lower the boats with any appliances of system, and that only two small boats got away from the side of the burning steambot before she was abaze from stem to stern.

1,500 PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

There were more than 1,000 children on the boat. Besides there were probably 500 adults, mostly women.

The boat sailed from the foot of East Third street at 9 o'clock. A policeman on duty at the pier says that hundreds of the children were mere tots, and that there was no possibility of the grown persons on board being able to handle them in case of a panic.

The excursion was from the Sunday-school of St. Mark's German Lutheran Church, at No. 323 East Sixth street. The pastor is the Rev. George C. F. Haas, of No. 64 Seventh street.

The Evening World gave the first news of the disaster to the church people who remained at home. George P. O. Haas, son of the pastor of the church, the Rev. George C. S. Haas, was seen by an Evening World reporter at the church. He said:

"There were over a thousand women and children on board. They were bound for Locust Grove, on the Sound, and were to have been back at 7 o'clock this evening. It was our seventeenth annual excursion and it is the first mishap we have ever had.

"I couldn't begin to give the names of those on board, but my father was one of those in charge, and associated with him in the management of the picnic was Miss Mary Abendschein, a Sunday-school teacher; W. Shaaler, one of the teachers, and assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school; Carl Anger. They are all on board and all of the other Sunday-school teachers were there, too. There were some outsiders as well who bought tickets for the excursion."

BIG UPPER DECK COLLAPSED.

From the offices of the De La Vergue Refrigerating Company, at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Port Morris, which is right on the river front, the entire tragedy was seen by scores of people. The Secretary of the company said to an Evening World reporter:

"The greatest loss of life is due to the collapsing of the heavy upper deck. It fell with a crash soon after the fire started, coming down on the heads of the hundreds who were gathered in little frightened groups on the lower deck.

"The scene that followed was awful. Dozens of women and children were crowded overboard and we could see them struggling in the water. The river was soon crowded with floating bodies. Boats were sent out from here to the rescue, but they only picked up dead bodies."

"When we first saw the steamer she was only ablaze in front and there was still some merry-making in the rear, where the people didn't seem to know anything of their danger. They soon found out about it, though, for the flames spread with great rapidity. Some jumped off as soon as the fire started, but most of those, it seemed to us, who were thrown in the water, were forced from the lower deck by the collapse of the upper deck."

BURST OF FLAME FORWARD.

Thousands of people saw the start of the fire from the Astoria shore. From the Bowery Bay Improvement Company's offices at North Beach the fire was seen, and until Riker's Island shut off the view many people watched it through glasses.

They say that they first saw a little burst of flame in the forward part of the steamer, but that it spread rapidly and soon enveloped the entire boat. They could dimly hear screams coming from the doomed boat, but were too far away to render any assistance. The boat was one mass of flames when Riker's Island cut off the view of those at North Beach.

In a few moments news of the frightful happening spread through the neighborhood and pitiful scenes were witnessed on every corner. Distracted mothers whose little ones were on the boat ran through the streets toward the river wringing their hands in agony.

Many of the women were to all intents and purposes insane, and policemen were hurried out to see that they did not leap into the river. Albert Kolb, twenty-one years old, of No. 743 East Two Hundred and Second street, who was on the Slocum, but who was saved and taken to his home, was removed later to Fordham Hospital suffering from insanity.

LITTLE GIRL RESCUES BABY.

Twelve-year-old Louise Galing, of Nutley, N. J., was on board, having in her care the two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Erking, also of Nutley. The child put a life-preserver about her and jumped overboard with the baby.

When she arose from the water she held the baby in her arms and saved a man in uniform: told her to hold fast to him. She did so with her free arm, holding the baby with the other.

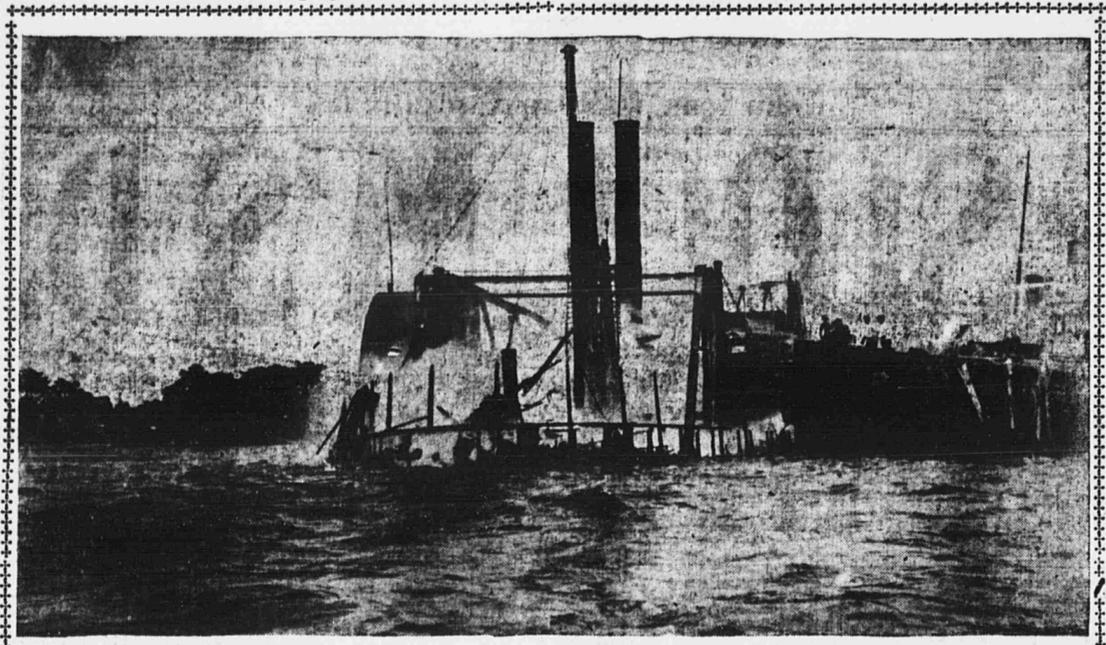
After five minutes of floating about in the water the girl and her charge were rescued.

MRS. ERKING IS BELIEVED TO BE AMONG THE MISSING.

Mrs. Albertina Lambach is among the survivors in the Lincoln Hospital, but she is a raving maniac from the loss of her five children who were with her. When the flames made it impossible to remain longer on the steambot Mrs. Lambach gathered her five children around her and jumped with them. She made a desperate effort after she got in the water to save her family, but one by one they were swept from her and she saw them all drown. Just as she was about to sink herself she was picked up by a tug.

WRECK OF THE GEN. SLOCUM OFF NORTH BROTHER ISLAND.

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LISTS OF THE MISSING SO FAR AS REPORTED

The following is a list of some of the missing. It is believed many perished:

- ROSE MILLER, No. 6 Cooper square.
- HENRIETTA PRAUDZICH, No. 85 Third street.
- LEONE GOETZ, No. 337 Fifth street.
- HATTIE SELZKE, No. 211 East 5th street.
- MARTHA KNITSCH, No. 513 East Sixth street.
- EMILY WALHEIM, No. 82 Seventh street.
- MARGARET KUNHEH, No. 496 Fifth street.
- ELSIE ZIERCH, No. 74 First street.
- JULIA HAAZ, No. 153 First avenue.
- LUCY BARST, No. 15 Second avenue.
- ANNIE IDEN, No. 100 East Fourth street.
- KATIE KAPPENBERGER, No. 404 East Fifth street.
- ANNA KRAUTWURST, No. 114 East Fourth street.
- FREDA OEHLEH, No. 510 East Sixth street.
- ELSIE CAULI, No. 28 Avenue A.
- OTTILIE VANDUSEN, No. 171 East Fourth street.
- ANNIE STUGER, No. 69 First avenue.
- CARRIE OCHSE, No. 50 St. Mark's place.
- MARGARET GEBBONS, No. 325 Fifth street.
- ROSE DE LUCIA, No. 64 Seventh street.
- FATIE SCHUMACHER, No. 494 Sixth street.
- FLOHA HARTMANN, No. 309 East Tenth street.
- ANNA MOLLER, No. 45 Second avenue.
- MAMIE ARNBUND, No. 195 East Fourth street.
- JULIA RAEGENER, No. 429 Fifth street.
- STELLA RANMELKAMP, No. 130 East Fourth street.
- LUCILLE BOZENBARD, No. 110 First avenue.
- MARIETTA PETERS, No. 50 Avenue A.
- LYDIA RICHTER, No. 104 First avenue.
- LOUISA BENSON, No. 401 Fifth street.
- LENA SCHIRMER, No. 140 First avenue.
- IDA BAHN, No. 424 East Ninth street.
- ANNIE BEHRENDT, No. 88 Third street.
- KATIE KEELER, No. 112 East Fourth street.
- MINNIE ERHARDT, No. 69 First street.
- ANNA BEUMER, No. 433 Sixth street.
- TERESIE REITZ, No. 90 First avenue.
- EMMA WEBER, No. 404 Fifth street.
- FRANCES RICHTER, No. 491 Sixth street.
- MARIE SELLIG, No. 71 East Seventh street.
- MARGARET BROOKS, No. 51 Avenue A.
- MARY BUTLER, No. 232 Sixth street.
- ROSE EDIL, No. 501 Sixth street.
- WANDA REBONSKI, No. 337 Fifth street.
- ELIA ANOLDI, No. 71 First avenue.
- SYLVIA HARRIS, No. 242 Fifth street.
- MARTHA LANGUTH, No. 29 Cooper square.
- ELSA BRAUN, No. 233 Fifth street.
- EMMA SCHIELZ, No. 130 East Fourth street.
- EMMA BRUNCH, No. 71 East Fifth street.
- EDA GIBBONS, No. 225 Fifth street.
- BERTHA HOLTZ, No. 313 Third street.
- LIZZIE BEHRENDT, No. 83 Third street.
- CHRISTINE RICHTER, No. 83 Third street.
- AMELIA KARLE, No. 56 Seventh street.
- LAVINA SCHEEL, No. 17 Cooper square.
- LOUIS STEIN, No. 508 Fifth street.
- ANNA MUELLER, No. 41 First avenue.
- Mrs. INDORE, of No. 135 St. Ann's avenue.
- Mrs. WINDHORST, of same address.
- JOSEPH ZOLLNER, aged seventeen, No. 123 First avenue.
- LAMB, Mrs. AMELIA, of No. 646 East

MANY OF SURVIVORS IN LINCOLN HOSPITAL.

There are scores of survivors from the burned steambot in the hospitals in Harlem and the Bronx. The Lincoln Hospital, on East One Hundred and Forty-second street, was nearest the scene of the disaster, and most of the survivors were taken there. Those in the Lincoln Hospital are as follows:

- MARY HARTMAN, ten years old, of No. 309 East Tenth street.
- ZELLA ARMAD, eight years old, of No. 334 Sixth street.
- MARY CRADDOCK, of No. 85 East Third street.
- MARY STICKLE, eleven years old, of No. 221 East Eighty-eighth street.
- ODEA MEMHARDT, of No. 146 East Fortieth street.
- MILDRED KAUFFMAN, of No. 45 East Twelfth street.
- Mrs. ELIZABETH BADER, of No. 174 New York avenue, Chester Hill.
- Mrs. WINIFRED PORT, of No. 88 East Fourth street.
- MINNIE HARTUNG, of No. 342 East Twenty-first street.
- WILLIAM AUBERA, fifteen years old, of No. 314 East Fourth street. Was with his brother August, who was drowned.
- Mrs. EMMA ZUNDEL, of No. 104 First avenue. Lost her baby.
- Mrs. EMMA HAAZ, and the Rev. Mr. HAAZ, of No. 64 East Seventh street.
- FRED SMITH, nine years old, of No. 138 East Seventh street. Lost his mother and sister, who were with him.
- ANNIE —, seven years old, of No. 9 Avenue A. Was with her mother and three sisters, but could not tell her last name. Others were lost.
- GROSVENOR MILLER, fourteen years old, of No. 374 East Fourth street.
- Mrs. WEISS, of No. 235 Third street.
- Mrs. KLINE, of No. 31 East Sixteenth street, died in the hospital.
- AGNES MANDEL, sixty years old, of No. 11 East Seventh street.
- Mrs. L. ULLMAN, of No. 232 Avenue A.
- MINNIE MILLER, six years old, of No. 100 East One Hundred and Eighth street.
- Mrs. EMMA FRENDSHEISER and her daughter Mary, wife and child of Detective-Serg. Friendsheiser, of No. 48 East Seventh street.
- SIMON MILLER, of No. 111 Norfolk street.
- JOHN ROSE, nine years old, of No. 22 McDonough street, Brooklyn.
- EDNA DAHRENS, six years old, of No. 12 State street.
- LUCY HENSCHER, of No. 169 South Fourth street, Brooklyn.
- ANNIE KIPP and an infant child, of No. 1394 Third avenue.
- ELLEN BRUEDD, sixteen years old, of No. 311 Sixteenth street, Brooklyn.
- HARRIET DENGLER, of No. 127 East Seventh street.
- ANNA BOEMER, fifty-nine years old, of No. 306 East Ninety-sixth street.
- PAULINE JORDAN, fifteen years old, of No. 37 Third avenue.
- MARGARET PRODIZ, thirty-seven years old, of No. 85 East Third street.
- MATTIE KIRSCHEN, of No. 463 Third street.
- MATTIE DEVENTHAL, of No. 381 Madison street.
- SOPHIA DEVENTHAL, same address.
- LOUIS BOCK, of No. 89 Marcy avenue, Brooklyn.
- MARY MOURER, of No. 127 First avenue.
- ANNA EIDEN, of No. 100 East Fourth street.
- PHILOMENA SCHMIDT, of No. 149 East Fourth street.
- FREDERICK BAHERE, of No. 128 East Third street.
- Mrs. MARY BLOHM, of No. 15 Jackson street.
- AUGUST GLUTZER, of Brooklyn.
- SOPHIE HILDOWITZ, seventy years old, of No. 487 East Forty-first street.
- CHRISTINA GHEST, fourteen years old, of No. 107 East Fourth street.
- Mrs. WILLIAM COLEMAN, of No. 38 East Sixth street.
- EDWARD HOEFFLER, of No. 189 East Third street.
- Mrs. AUGUST SCHAEFFER, of No. 223 East Thirtieth street.
- LULU ENGLE, of No. 329 West Forty-

- Seventeenth street, and her children, Frank, eleven, and Lillian, seven.
- TOSNES, Mrs. MARY, of No. 402 East Eighty-third street, and her daughter Mildred, eight years old.
- SMITH, MARGARET, fifteen, daughter of Edward James Smith.
- PELMEYER, Mrs. FREDERICK, of No. 80 First avenue.
- MILLER, FLORENCE.
- VETTER, Mrs. HENRY, and three children, of No. 70 Sixth street.
- BERTHOLD, Mr. and Mrs., of No. 780 Sixth street.
- HARTUNG, HARRY, of No. 352 East Twenty-first street.
- BERNHARDT, CHARLES, of No. 304 East Fourteenth street.
- BALINSKY, of No. 485 Fifth avenue.
- ANNIE GITTENBERGER, No. 343 East Sixteenth street.
- Mrs. B. CARL, No. 314 East Sixteenth street.
- Mrs. KLEIN, wife and daughter, No. 27 West First street.
- Mrs. TILLIE ALFRED, No. 339 East Sixth street.
- Mrs. GALE and children, No. 54 Seventh street.
- Mrs. GILLESPIE and children, No. 54 Seventh street.
- Mrs. GOLRAS SIEGEL.
- FRIEDA GROSSE, No. 64 Seventh street.
- Mrs. GRAVIE and children, No. 54 Seventh street.
- Mrs. SCHNEIDER, No. 90 First avenue.
- HENRIETTA ISEN, No. 100 East Fourth street.
- LULU SCHMIDT, No. 69 First avenue.
- HEDWIG PINN, No. 211 Fifth street.
- ANNE SCHMITZBERG, No. 123 Avenue A.
- FREDA SORROFFER, No. 121 Avenue A.
- Mrs. FREDA DRUSE, No. 54 East Fourth street.
- Mrs. MARY DRUSE, mother-in-law of above.
- LILLIAN DRUSE, aged five, and HENRY DRUSE, aged three, children of Mrs. Druse.
- Mrs. LEFFLER, No. 92 East Third street.
- LOUISA LEFFLER, nine years old, daughter of above.
- Mrs. ROZENHART, LUCILLE BOZENHART, ANNA KASTNER and PAUL KASTNER, all of No. 110 First avenue.
- EMILY WALHEIM.
- MUNDEL, Mrs. ANNA, of No. 11 East Tenth street.
- LEPCOMB, the Misses, of No. 83 East Seventh street. (Their mother reported them among the missing.)
- MINDEL, Mrs. LILLIE, thirty-eight years old, of No. 64 Seventh street, and her children, ARTHUR, seven, and HAAS, Mrs. GERTRUDE, wife of the Rev. Dr. George C. F. Haas.
- DAVID ANNA, eight years old, of No. 64 Seventh street.
- HANSON, Mrs., and TETTMORE, Mrs., who lived with the pastor.
- SHIRE, Mrs. MARGARET, of No. 327 East Tenth street, and her children, SCHRAHMANN, AGNES, of No. 85 Avenue A.
- SHIRE, VIOLA, ten years old, her daughter.
- MALLSTADT, LOUIS, forty-five years old, of No. 629 East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.
- GRAFF, LOTTIE, of No. 54 West Fifty-fourth street.
- DRINGLER, Mrs. A., and her three children; husband has no office at No. 23 Park place.
- HENCKNER, LUCY, thirty-five years old, of No. 169 South Second street.
- CORDES, Mrs. NETTA, of No. 47 East Sixth street, and her children, DAVID and HAMILTON, twenty-two years old.
- CORDES, HENRY, twenty-one years old.
- FRESE, ALBERT, of No. 428 East Sixteenth street.
- FRESE, ANNA, a sister.
- WEISS, Mrs. TILLIE, of No. 532 East Fifth street, and her children.
- WEISS, JACOB.
- WEISS, FRIEDERICK.
- ANNE, AMELIA.
- WEISS, SALOME.
- MEYER, Mrs. LIZZIE, of No. 88 Avenue A.
- HENKEL, Mrs. LIZZIE, of No. 27 East Seventh street.
- LOIS LOTTIE, eight, and EDDIE, eleven, of No. 78 Avenue A.
- JOSEPH SMITH, LILIA HARRIS, No. 242 Fifth street.
- THE INFANT child of Mrs. Alt, of No. 90 Third avenue.
- TESSIE RITZ, No. 90 Third avenue.
- Astor Library.
- Mrs. FRED BAUMLER, of No. 433 East Tenth street, and her children, Amelie and Annie.
- The Rev. Mr. Doering, his wife and two children, Gusle, aged ten, and Emma, aged five years. He was connected with the German Lutheran Home, at No. 12 State street. Reported missing by the Rev. Paul Somerlatte, of the German Reformed Chapel on Ellis Island.
- MARGARET HOLTZ, No. 174 East Fifth street.
- ANNE GREWE, No. 54 East Seventh street.
- WILHEMETTA PIESCH, No. 107 East Fourth street.
- CARL WEINGRAB, No. 174 Norfolk street.
- WILLIAM SAUER, No. 152 Second street.
- BENJAMIN HYMAN, No. 428 East Sixteenth street.
- BERNARD DYERHOFFER, No. 131 Avenue A.
- MARIE DYERHOFFER, his nine-year-old daughter.
- Mrs. MARY KELSCH, her brother and sister, all of No. 800 East Fourteenth street.

INJURED VICTIMS IN THE HARLEM HOSPITAL.

The following injured were taken to the Harlem Hospital:

- T. EDWARD KIBBSL, aged twenty-seven, of No. 268 Avenue A, submer-sion.
- EDWARD KIESSEL, aged three, same address; submer-sion; will die.
- ANNIE KIESSEL, aged twenty-five, same address; submer-sion and shock.
- WILLIAM ORTTINGER, aged twelve, of No. 91 East Seventh street; submer-sion.
- FRANK TRANDZICKI, aged twelve, of No. 85 East Third street; submer-sion.
- Mrs. NELLIE KASSEBAUM, aged thirty, of No. 126 Guernsey street, Brooklyn; shock, submer-sion and slight burns.
- CAROLINE LUBBARK, aged forty-six, No. 412 East Sixth street; shock and submer-sion.
- MARGARET WOLF, aged fifty-nine, No. 37 East Eighteenth street; left side burned, submer-sion, shock.
- MARIE KRAUDER, aged twenty-three, of No. 452 West End avenue; shock; went home.
- LENA KRAUDER, aged thirty-five, of No. 62 West Ninety-seventh street; submer-sion; dislocated right shoulder.

MANY OF INJURED AT THE LEBANON HOSPITAL.

The following is a list of the injured taken to the Lebanon Hospital.

- LUDWIG FOLKE, forty-one, of No. 251 Avenue B.
- HATTIE GASSMAN, forty-one, of No. 128 East Fourth street.
- ANDREW ZIMMER, four, of No. 13 East Third street.
- PAUL LEBNOW, thirty-two, of No. 133 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.
- ANNIE LEBNOW, thirty-two, of No. 133 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.
- HELEN LEBNOW, six months, of No. 133 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.
- 133 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.
- FRANK WEBER, thirty-five, of No. 404 Fifth street.
- ANNIE WEBER, thirty-one, of No. 404 Fifth street.
- ANNA MAHLSTADT, of No. 639 East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.
- UNKNOWN BABY, one year.
- NETA SILSKAW, twenty, No. 179 East Fourth street.
- C. N. ANDER, eighteen, No. 169 East Third street.

- HENRY OELLICH, eleven, No. 519 Wil-loughby street, Brooklyn.
- CHARLES LINNIEZ, No. 82 Avenue A.
- GEORGE MEYER, No. 480 East Sev-enth street.
- KURT FERTLETZ, fifteen, No. 89 East Tenth street.
- A. RANFS, No. 342 East Ninth street.
- RICHBOHN, seven, No. 91 Avenue D.
- MARTHA KRUTSCH, fourteen, No. 513 Washington avenue.
- A. KLEWEN, twenty-four, No. 1391 East Fourth street.
- FRED FRESSE, fifty, No. 509 East Houston street.
- M. BOESEWILL, twenty, No. 299 Mon-roee street.
- JOHN WOLL, thirty, No. 238 Harlem Bridge (7).
- KATE FINKENGHEL, twelve, No. 439 Sixth street.
- JOHN LUDEENANN, fifteen, No. 4 Smith place.
- KATE GALLAGHER, eleven, No. 424 East Fifteenth street.
- JACOB HENZLER, No. 154 First avenue.
- AUGUST LUNT, No. 108 Second avenue.
- JULIUS SMITH, No. 69 First avenue.
- MARGARET JOSEPH, No. 45 Third avenue.
- JULIA AUSMAN, twenty-one, No. 121 First avenue.
- AGNES STANGFIELD, No. 1349 Park-avenue.
- PETER BROWN, twelve, No. 233 Fifth avenue.
- CONRAD DOLE, eight, No. 433 East FIFTH STREET.
- EMMA METTLER, eight, No. 41 First avenue.
- JOHN HANES, sixty, No. 709 East One Hundred and Seventieth street.
- ANNA FRESSE, fifteen, No. 609 East Houston street.
- ELSA FRESSE, forty-three, No. 509 East Houston street.
- FRANCES SMITH, fourteen, No. 69 First avenue.
- GEORGE NETTLER, two years and six months, No. 338 East Fifth street.
- KATE NETTLER, thirty-two, No. 338 East Fifth street.
- WILLIAM HEINZ, eight, No. 219 East Fifth street.
- LULU BRUSCH, thirty-one, No. 401 East Fifty-eighth street.
- HATTIE BENGLER, No. 123 East Seventh street.
- TILLIE KRINGLE, six, No. 444 East Fifteenth street.
- BECKER, twenty-five, No. 4 Lexington avenue.
- WEISSER (woman), thirty-two, No. 123 West One Hundred and Sixth street.
- GRACE BROWN, four, No. 129 East Fourth street.
- LUCY BROWN, thirteen, No. 129 East Fourth street.
- AUGUST POSKOV, forty-four, No. 179 East Fourth street.
- JAMES BLAND (address not given).
- MARY PEGET, twenty-eight, No. 91 First avenue.
- FRESSE, No. 436 East Fifteenth street.
- B. FORRESER, twenty-three (address not given).
- Unknown woman.

POLICEMEN RESCUED WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

The following were reported as rescued by the police late this after-noon:

- AMELIA KARLE, No. 54 Seventh street.
- Mrs. LAURA GULUCHY, No. 54 Sev-enth street.
- WILLIAM VOSEMAN, sixteen years old, of No. 433 Fifth street.
- Mrs. GRAY and children, No. 44 Sev-enth street; taken to Riker's Island Hospital; badly burned.
- WILLIAM FRENHEISEN, ten-year-old son of Detective-Serg. Fren-heisen; picked up by a boat.
- FRANK ELMORE, No. 95 Fourth st.
- JOSEPH KAUFFMAN, No. 422 East Tenth street.
- Mrs. PROMICK, No. 83 East Third street.
- Mrs. STUEDEMANER, No. 433 East Fifth street.
- Mrs. PARK, No. 88 Avenue A.
- Mrs. GUTTENBERG, No. 343 East Tenth street.
- Mrs. SACKMEYER, No. 341 Rivington street.
- Mrs. GREER, No. 89 Forsyth street.
- ANDER ROSE, No. 135 Avenue A.
- KATE DRUGEL, No. 439 East FIFTH STREET.

BOY LOSES HIS LIFE AFTER SAVING FOUR.

Little Willie Elcott, a fourteen-year-old boy, whose address is not at present known, is supposed to have been drowned, but before he gave up his own life he saved the lives of four other children. The boy, according to those who saw his work, was one of those remarkable little heroes which such great tragedies sometimes bring forth.

The boy an expert swimmer, had saved lives along the water-front be-fore. As soon as he saw the water full of little children he leaped over-board and began the work of rescue. He held two children's heads above the water until a boat came along and picked them up, then swam to an-other child and saved that.

A fourth child he just managed to hold up until help came and he was swimming for a fifth when a gasoline launch with an excited pilot came along at great speed. The pilot of the launch evidently didn't see the little fellow, for he crashed into him and the boy was not seen again. He was probably drowned.

JUMPED INTO WATER WITH HIS FAMILY.

B. Edward Kiefel, of No. 266 Avenue A, was taken to Harlem by Am-bulance Surgeon Burns. With Kiefel were his wife Fanny, and their son Edward, aged about seven years. A daughter, Lillian, is missing and be-lieved to be among the dead. The doctors say the boy's recovery is not looked for.

Kiefel says he was standing on the upper deck when the fire started. He says the fire broke out opposite Astoria. He said he stayed on the boat until he could no longer remain, then with those members of his family whom he could find, he jumped into the water.

The missing girl, Lillian, is about six years of age. The mother is frantic with grief.

LIFE PRESERVERS WERE REGULARLY EXAMINED.

When asked concerning the statement that the life preservers were rotten, Secretary James K. Atkinson, of the Knickerbocker Steamship Company, said he couldn't understand how such could be the case, inasmuch as the life-preservers had been regularly examined by Government inspectors. Governor O'Gorman will begin an investigation of the disaster at 5 o'clock this afternoon in the Alexander avenue station.

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