

USED DAY OFF TO RUN FIREBUG GANG

Policeman Donnelly Spent His Own Money for Boys to Watch "Suspects" When Regular Duties Engaged Him.

CAPTURES TWO WHO CONFESS THEIR CRIME.

Say They Were Part of Gang Under Orders of "Dick"—Kindled Thirty Fires, Destroyed Buildings and a Dozen Lives.

Richard Samuels, of No. 351 Tenth street, and William Canders, of No. 250 Fifth street, the youthful firebugs, who by their own confession set fire to a dozen tenement-houses in Brooklyn, were arraigned before Magistrate Dooley in the Adams Street Court today and held without bail pending examination.

Lawyer George Gru, who appeared in court as counsel for the boys, denied their guilt. Gru alleges that the police wrung the confession from the youths by intimidation and that it cannot be used against them. It was due to the efforts of Policeman Christopher Donnelly, of the Fifth avenue station, that the youthful firebugs are behind bars. Donnelly devoted his off days and spent his own money in hunting the firebug gang. When his own money was exhausted Deputy Fire Chief Murray furnished more, with which Donnelly hired small boys to watch the suspected youths.

The entire story was told in the police court when the boys were arraigned. "I was told several weeks ago by a newsboy," Donnelly said, "that it would pay me to keep an eye on Samuels. I never ran across him while on duty, but every spare moment I had I kept him in sight. I got a couple of bright boys to keep tabs on him, and when my money ran out I told Chief Murray. I told the Chief that the 'lead' might produce some good results, and he said it was worth trying and gave me \$25. With that money I hired more boys and finally landed the two."

JEWELRY LEADS AS A POPULAR XMAS GIFT.

Lambert Brothers' Noted Establishment, Thronged with Purchasers, Attests to This.

Jewelry is the popular Christmas gift this year. That is what leading members of the retail jewelry trade say, and a visit to the Lambert Brothers' big store at Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue certainly proves the assertion. "Good jewelry need not be costly," said a member of the firm to an Evening World reporter, "and we have done much in this store to enlighten the public on that score, for there is no middleman's profit on our goods. The styles among New Yorkers have become most exacting, for nothing approaching the garish is acceptable. When we began business we began as manufacturers, and we are manufacturers yet. Then we saw our customers also by purchasing right from the factories in other lines. In this way we cut out an immense intermediate profit, and can provide handsome jewelry at reasonable prices. In fact, the line of Lambert jewelry is the most remarkable in value. Diamonds, pearls, jeweled pins and brooches—beautiful in design—are shown at most moderate prices.

"The number of purchasers of diamonds is surprisingly large, considering the rise of 50 per cent in two years ago in prices. But the Lamberts, in spite of this, are selling rings and great quantities of \$25 and good-sized stones handsomely mounted as low as \$10 and \$15. The explanation is that the firm imported a large quantity of diamonds before the syndicate had put up the prices that last time. "Of course, we can't keep this in indefinitely," said the firm member, "as we get the same diamonds in the markets as other importers, and the time is not very far off when we will have to charge as much as others do for diamonds. "Most of these holiday purchasers are buying diamonds, for they realize that the world's supply is decreasing, and that after holding the gems for a while they can sell them at a profit."

The Lambert store has been a mark in New York jewelry history since in 1877 the Messrs. Lambert first established their fine and reputation as makers of seamless wedding rings of solid gold. Other articles were added, until now they have a complete line of jewelry to turn out almost every kind of jewelry. Two years ago it was necessary to enlarge the plant. The display of beautiful jewelry in the store, which is thronged with Christmas shoppers, shows the careful attention paid to the demands of the higher grade public taste, which does not always necessarily belong to the purchasers of thousand-dollar Christmas gifts. Care has been taken to let the customer know just what he is buying, and the dazzling array of jewelry is just what it is represented to be. The costly luxuries of life is declining; you can see that by looking at the crowds," said a member of the firm. "Half of these people walk out of the store with jewelry that ranges from \$10 to \$25 and they have beautiful jewelry. The other half, of course, are investors in diamonds and more costly presents, but they all prove one thing: that they realize the advantage of putting their money advantageously in jewelry. Judging from the crowds, it looked as if they knew where to invest it, too."

TWO FIREBUG BOYS OF BROOKLYN ARRAIGNED IN COURT BY POLICEMAN WHO CAUGHT THEM.



they have been working with three other young men under the instruction of a man known to them as "Dick," who told them when and where to start the blazes. Fired Crowded Tenements. In Williamsburg the fires were always started in crowded tenement-houses, and so secretly did the incendiaries work and with such skill that it was next to impossible to detect them. The fires were invariably started in hallways or airshafts, the escape of persons in the houses thereby being made difficult. While every fireman and policeman would be fighting the flames and working to save the lives of imperilled tenants a second fire would nearly always start in the neighborhood. Then robbery, the alleged object of the firebugs, would begin. Residences and stores would be broken into and the thieves would make off with the loot. Following their Williamsburg efforts the firebugs began operations in the Park Slope section. Hardly a night passed that there was not one fire, and sometimes two or three. When there was not a fire in the Park Slope section there was sure to be one in Williamsburg. Police Commissioner McArdoo assigned fifty detectives from Headquarters to assist the police of Brooklyn.

Police Watched Boys. It has been the belief of the police from the first that the fires were started by boys acting under orders from some one else. For that reason watch was kept at every fire for youths who never miss fires. At a blaze in a residence at Eighth street and Eighth avenue Wednesday night Chief Murray was working among his men when a slender youth ran up to him. His eyes were ablaze with excitement. "Isn't it grand, Chief?" he cried. "I love to see the engines work." The Chief scanned the boy closely and then went on at his work. Later he told Detective Donnelly of the matter and with Detective Hines, went in search of the boy the detectives arrested young Canders. Later they arrested three other boys, one of whom was Samuels. For hours the four boys were questioned, and then Canders and Samuels confessed. It was plain to the police, they said, that Canders was under the influence of Samuels. He is employed in a butter-and-egg store. Samuels is a clerk in a drug store. "I set fire to only four places," said Samuels, when he was taken to the office of Fire Marshal Beers. "They were at No. 303 Sixth street, where I used the fat to start the blaze; No. 411 Third street, No. 414 Union street and some other place, the number of which I don't recall." Canders, who was looking at Samuels, but out. "You did more than that. You set fire to No. 32 Sixth street and No. 30 Fifth street, and was with you when you started both these fires. There were a lot more that you started, but I have forgotten the numbers." Marshal Beers began questioning Samuels closely. "Why did you set these houses on fire," he asked Samuels. "The boy refused at first to answer. Finally he exclaimed: "I couldn't help it. 'Dick' told me to do it, and I have to obey 'Dick' in all things."

THREE BURIED TO DEATH AND FOUR HURT IN FIRE

Mother and Child Carried Down Ladder by Firemen—Man with Clothing Ablaze Appears at Window of House and Falls Back Into Flames.

Three persons, a man, a woman and a boy, were burned to death at a fire early to-day, when a three-story brick structure at No. 124 South Ninth street, Williamsburg, was destroyed. Four persons were seriously injured when they leaped from windows to escape the flames. Those killed were Orden Reynolds, aged sixty-four; Mrs. Ira Swinson, aged thirty-five, and Charles Painter, aged two years. A. R. Painter, aged thirty-eight; C. H. Smith, aged thirty-six; Joseph Schickel, aged twenty-eight, and an unidentified man were injured by jumping. Isaac Smith, aged sixty; Harry Brown, aged nineteen years, and Charles Reynolds were severely burned, and Reynolds suffered internal injuries. They were taken to the Eastern District Hospital. Mrs. Charles Painter and infant, who were sleeping in a room on the second floor, were rescued after a thrilling experience. Firemen Lloyd and Reardon scaled a ladder and carried mother and child to safety. When Mrs. Painter heard of the death of her son and the injury of her husband the shock was so great that she lost her reason and was taken to the same hospital, where she is in a critical condition. The fire is believed to have been the result of an oil stove exploding as Ira Reynolds was preparing to take it from his room on the third floor to the basement. The building was occupied by James Smith and family, who conducted a boarding-house. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

Falls Back Into the Flames. State Senator Whitlock, who lives at No. 139 South Ninth street, saw Reynolds try to escape through a window on the upper floor. He stood for a moment on the window ledge, poised himself for a leap, when a tongue of fire swept around him and he sank back into the burning building. Reynolds' clothing was ablaze as he appeared at the window. Maddened by pain he fought the fire, while those who had first gathered at the scene urged him to wait for rescuers, an alarm having already been sent in. He did not utter a word, but two or three times was seen holding out his arms as if appealing for assistance. Choking and gasping, he steadied himself on the window ledge, and had evidently concluded to leap, when, as the fire burst forth all around him, he sank back into the flames. His body was rescued by

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700 CHILDREN OBEY FIRE CALL

When Hebrew Orphan Asylum Is Discovered on Fire Boys and Girls Prove Themselves Heroes and Heroines.

Seven hundred children in the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, which covers the entire blocks between One Hundred and Thirty-sixth and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth streets and Amsterdam and Hamilton avenues, were aroused early to-day by a cry of fire. Instantly the fire bells all through the big building were ringing.

The fire was discovered on the top floor of the building in the linen room, which adjoins the boys' dormitory. It had gained considerable headway when a watchman came upon it. Instantly the alarm was raised. Every child in this big institution has been made familiar with the fire drill. Before retiring at night each child is expected to bundle up his or her clothes and place them at a convenient place at the foot of the bed. The older boys have a fire brigade and a life-saving brigade, and at the cry of fire the children, or those who were old enough, sprang to their feet and quickly put on their wraps.

The life-saving brigade came to the smaller children and they were clothed. Then the brigade went to the fire. So close were flames to the boys' dormitory that the 350 boys in the building marched out in single file and in perfect order. The girls were told to remain in their part of the building until there was danger. The little children were carried to a safe part of the building. Engine No. 38 was the first fire apparatus to arrive on the scene. The spool of boys was doing great work in overcoming the flames. When the firemen rushed in there was nothing left for them to do.

Then came the reserve police under Sergt. Wolf. Word had been sent to them that the entire asylum was in flames and that hundreds of children were perishing. The police came upon the little girls standing in line all dressed and ready to march out to the street. The boys and girls were all dressed and ready to march out to the street. The boys and girls were all dressed and ready to march out to the street.

HOSPITAL HIT BY JAP SHELLS

Generals Stoessel and Exchange Communicated Regarding to Removal of Red Cross from Zone of Operations.

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—The following despatch was received today from the Japanese army before Port Arthur: "Two letters from Gen. Stoessel, commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, to Gen. Nogi, in command of the besiegers at Port Arthur, reached headquarters at 5 o'clock in the evening of Dec. 15. The first read as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that your artillery has bombarded our hospital, which are plainly distinguished by Red Cross flags. These insignia are visible from your artillery position. I request you to prohibit the bombardment. I make the request from my high respect for your brave heroes who, after gloriously fighting with your force, lie wounded in the hospitals under the Red Cross. Among these heroes are some Japanese wounded. "I avail myself of the opportunity to convey to you assurances of my high respect." Compliments of Nogi. Accompanying this letter was another from Gen. Stoessel to Gen. Nogi saying: "I hereby intrust the bearer, Barashoff Langs, Hunt Master to the Emperor and Superintendent of the Red Cross, to negotiate with your Excellency in order to remove the hospitals outside the dangerous zone during bombardment. It is needless to say that we have respect for the success of your operations."

TWO ATTEMPTS TO BURN HOUSE

Second Mysterious Fire Discovered in the Magnificent Residence of George Brickelmeyer, Opposite Prospect Park.

The second attempt within two weeks to burn the magnificent home of George Brickelmeyer, No. 113 Prospect Park West, was reported to the Brooklyn police to-day by Amelia Johns, a servant in the house. The Brickelmeyer family left the house to go to some shopping and the girl was left in charge. She says that ten minutes after the family had gone the doorbell rang and a man informed her the house was afire in the basement. She closed the front door and ran down to the basement to find a bundle of rubbish ablaze in the areaway. She says it had been pushed through the grating. On Dec. 10, when the grating girl reported to the police that while on an errand she had been insulted by a man, and later, when she had returned from the errand, she had seen the same man outside the house. She says while she watched him she saw him drop a wad of paper into the cellar, which led to the cellar, then ignite a bundle of matches held together by a rubber band and drop them into the cellar. She ran to the cellar and extinguished the blaze. The man, alarmed by her cries, fled.

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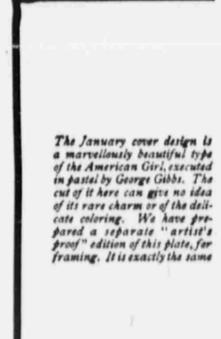
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JEWELL WINS DIVORCE SUIT

Jury Returns a Verdict Sustaining the Colonel's Charges Against His Wife Concerning Two of the Co-respondents.

The long-drawn-out trial of the suit and counter-suit for absolute divorce between Col. James A. Jewell and his wife, Caroline L. Jewell, ended to-day in a complete victory for the Colonel, when the jury in Justice Leventritt's part of the Supreme Court brought in a verdict exonerating him. The jury declared his charges against her true so far as they referred to her relations with Carroll B. Gerran, a young stock broker; "One Bennett," and ex-Judge Francis M. Beckford, of Laconia, N. H.

The jury answered "No" to Mrs. Jewell's charges that the Colonel had "taken up" with her chambermaid, Alice Ferguson; Josephine Strong, a clerk in the Treasury Department, and Mrs. Allen, a nurse. The chief witnesses against Mrs. Jewell, who was a widow, twenty-one year younger than Col. Jewell when they were married in 1875, were Alice Ferguson, the chambermaid, and Julia Fox, the colored cook, who testified that their mistress boasted to them of the good times she was having with her "gentlemen friends," and the latter was sent by Mrs. Jewell to the Imperial Hotel to reclaim the diamond earrings left there the night before, when she was "One Bennett" at the hotel. Louis J. Grant moved to set the verdict aside, but Justice Leventritt denied the motion. It is a hard-earned victory for the Colonel, who was dismissed from his \$2,500 job as a member of the Board of Appraisers by President Roosevelt because of the unenviable notoriety of the marital tangle, the trouble occurring at a moment when by making a place for Democratic Senator McClelland, of Westchester, saved the State Senate to the Republican machine, no other Democrat being able to win an election in the Westchester district.

AMERICAN DIES ABROAD.

FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 17.—Noyes Morehouse, of New York, died here to-day. He was fifty-seven years old and leaves a widow.



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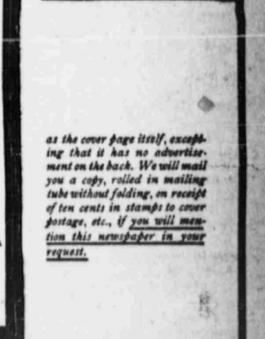
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