

100 ARE SAVED FROM BLAZE SET BY A FIREBUG

Oil-Soaked Halls Were in Flames and Escape by the Stairways Was Cut Off.

INCENDIARY WAS SEEN.

Policeman Searched in Vain for Him Just Before the Flames Rolled Up.

Fire of incendiary origin trapped more than one hundred persons in the big six-story tenement-house, No. 71 Pearl street, to-day, every one of whom had to be lifted to the street down the fire ladders by firemen and police.

That the fire was started by thieves bent on robbing the homes of some of the twenty-four families in the house is the accepted theory of the police, but there is a suspicion it was the work of members of the Black Hand seeking revenge on one of several Italian families in the upper floors.

Late last night Mrs. Sarah Schneider, who lives on the third floor of the tenement at No. 71, saw a man on the roof of the house across the street. The man moved about mysteriously and Mrs. Schneider ran over to George Bierach, who lives at No. 71 and who is the agent for No. 71.

She saw a man on the roof of your house," she said. "He is a thief or a firebug. You better hurry up there."

Bierach ran to the roof, but the man had disappeared. Again an hour later Mrs. Schneider crossed the street and called to Bierach.

"That man is again on your roof. I have just seen him."

Again Bierach investigated, this time with a policeman, but the man could not be found.

On the third floor of No. 71 lives Mrs. Tillie O'Neill, with her four daughters, Elizabeth, Alice, Helen, and Josephine; Lillian, fourteen, and Florence, twelve. The elder daughter was awakened at 1 o'clock this morning by the crackling of flames and smell of smoke. She opened the door leading into the hall, to discover the stairways and the stairs from cellar to roof. The girl had hardly time to close the door and save herself from being burned.

Frank Russo, who lives with his wife and five children across the hall, was awakened at the same time. He, too, opened the door, and a tongue of flame shot in at him, burning him badly about the face and hands.

Stairways Cut Off. Instantly the fire cry sounded through the house. Escape by the stairway was impossible, so fiercely were the flames burning. The twenty-four families took to the front and rear fire escapes. Those on the lowest escapes discovered they could not get to the street, except by a jump of more than twenty feet. Not only were the lower ladders stuck fast, but beneath them was a well leading into the basement. The escapes were soon jammed with screaming women and children. Some of the men on the lower escapes leaped to the ground without injury, but those on the upper escapes could not get past the jam of frightened women.

Two Fall Off Escapes. On the third story escape in front was Miss Ruth Stein. She was suddenly crowded from the ladder by the pressure from above her and fell to the pavement, fracturing her skull. Samuel Rice, who was on the ladder with Miss Stein, tried to catch her as she fell, and he toppled off, injuring himself badly. Miss Stein was taken to the hospital.

When the firemen arrived ladders were raised and the firemen brought down more than 100 persons. After the fire was out the police and firemen began to question the tenants. It was then discovered that beer-drinking had been spotted through the hallway, and one of the firemen came upon a can that had contained the oil.

DROPS DEAD ACROSS DOCTOR'S THRESHOLD. David Buckman, a Tea Merchant, Was Visiting Physician for His Health.

Peter Buckman, sixty-three years old, a tea merchant, of No. 67 Park avenue, Brooklyn, this afternoon called on his physician, Dr. Herbert S. Dickson, at No. 42 Kosciuszko street, to consult him about his health.

JEROME CALLS INSURANCE MEN TO SET TRIALS

Indicted Officials Summoned to Appear in Court Next Monday.

BURNHAM CASE UPSET.

Motions to Dismiss Expected as Result of the Reversal of Conviction.

There is to be a grand clearing up of all the cases pending against the insurance officials who were indicted as the result of the Armstrong Committee disclosures to the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court Monday.

Subpoenas have been issued for the appearance before Justice Dowling that day of nine of the big officials of the different companies to put in their final pleas to the indictments pending against them. In nearly all the cases the District Attorney's office expects motions will be made to dismiss the indictments on the ground that the State fails to allege a crime as outlined by the Appellate Court decision in the case of George A. Burnham, of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, whose conviction was set aside.

In event of these motions being denied District Attorney Jerome, it is expected, will immediately move the trial of the indicted men. The first to be placed on trial, it is believed, will be Walter R. Gillette, vice-president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, against whom there are pending five forgery charges and one perjury charge.

The latter charge will be tried first, the alleged perjury having been committed before the Grand Jury when Gillette was called before that body to explain the forgery accusation.

Trial for Grannis. Robert A. Grannis, also of the Mutual, against whom there are two indictments pending—forgery and misdemeanor—will be placed on trial following Gillette.

The trials of George W. Perkins and Charles A. Fairchild, indicted on six charges of forgery in connection with the New York Life affairs, will, if the indictments are not dismissed on legal grounds, in all probability be moved some time in December.

They will be followed by the trial of Thomas D. Jordan, formerly controller of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, against whom there are eight indictments pending for forgery and one for perjury pending.

John R. Hagaman, President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who has to answer to ten indictments, seven alleging forgery and three perjury, will, it is understood, be placed on trial in February. De Lancey Nicoll is Hagaman's attorney, and is quoted as saying that the indictments are defective.

Cases Against Burnham. The cases against Frederick A. Burnham, George A. Burnham and George D. Eldridge, formerly of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, fifteen indictments against the three in dismissal on the strength of the Appellate Court's decision in the case of George A. Burnham.

GEORGE B. BROWN DEAD. Vice-President of Joy Line Expires from Pneumonia.

George B. Brown, vice-president of the Joy Steamship Company, died at his home in this city to-day from pneumonia. He had been in feeble health for several months.

Mr. Brown was made vice-president of the Joy line at the time of its organization, eight years ago. He was about sixty years old.

CAR RAMS WAGON. Driver Thrown Against "H" Pillar and Fatally Hurt.

Charles Burke, of No. 273 Gold street, Brooklyn, was driving an express wagon across Myrtle avenue at Oxford street to-day when car No. 217, of the Greenpoint line, crashed into the rear of his vehicle and demolished it.

TWO FEAR THAT WIVES FIGURE IN SWAN DIVORCE

Suspicious Brooklyn Husbands May Ask Court to Have Papers Opened.

Two applications are expected to be made to-day to Justice Dikeo or Justice Abbott, of the Supreme Court, in Brooklyn, for an order to open the referee's report and the testimony in the Swan divorce case.

This action, it is said, will be necessary to relieve the torturing suspicions of two Brooklyn husbands, who are burning to know who is the "mysterious co-respondent" named by Mrs. Marie Louise Swan in her divorce suit, on the referee's report of which Justice Abbott wrote last Saturday.

The papers in this action shall be sealed on the entry of judgment, and the same shall not be exhibited to any person, unless by order of the Court.

As has been told, the beautiful Mrs. Swan, sued Henry Tilden Swan for divorce and charged that a woman, whose name she specifically had concealed, had seduced her. She swore to the fact of her marriage vows on or about July 13, 1907. Promptly after receiving the report of the referee, by whom the testimony was taken, Justice Abbott signed the decree granting Mrs. Swan a divorce and giving her the custody of her two children.

Wealthy Woman Named. The quiet rumor in the court, which Judges and lawyers helped to spread, was that the husband of the woman whom Mrs. Swan named as co-respondent was entirely ignorant that she had been so designated. And at least two persons who had seen her name in the testimony whispered that she and her husband are wealthy and prominent in Brooklyn society and that Justice Abbott wisely sealed the papers, lest a tremendous scandal arise.

But only one co-respondent was named. Half a dozen men know that a prominent resident of Brooklyn visited a Supreme Court Justice soon after 10 o'clock yesterday morning. It is called it was also learned, was in support of the Justice, with whom he is acquainted, tell him whether the name of his wife had been mentioned in the testimony in the Swan divorce action. The Justice assured his friend that he positively had no knowledge as to the identity of the co-respondent.

Another Anxious Husband. Clerks in the office of the Register tell of another man, tall, of athletic build, dark as to complexion and wear-

CHANGES IN NEW YORK CENTRAL MANAGEMENT.

A. H. Smith, General Superintendent, Now General Manager of the Boston and Albany.

The New York Central Railroad announces the following changes in management: A. H. Smith, General Superintendent of the New York Central, appointed Vice-President of the Boston and Albany, in charge of operation and maintenance, with headquarters in New York.

J. H. Huston, appointed Assistant General Manager of the Boston and Albany, to succeed Vice-President Edgar Van Etten.

SEVENTEEN DIE OF BERI BERI. AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 1.—Dr. D. M. Worsham, Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, said today that there has been an epidemic of beri beri among the patients. In all there have been seventy cases, seventeen of which proved fatal.

Simpson Crawford Co. RESTAURANT EIGHTH FLOOR SIXTH AV. 19th TO 20th STREET, NEW YORK.

Charming New Millinery.

WE are constantly receiving from Paris new shapes and styles in Millinery and our own experts are constantly devising new effects, which make our collections of Hats most interesting.



This exceptionally well trimmed hat—felt with velvet underbrim—\$10



This very swell trimmed hat with velvet trimming and handsome aigrette—\$7.95

Full trimming of taffeta silk and pompon. Please note that the pompon effect forms practically the whole trimming of this hat. We imported these Pompons and believe no other establishment has them to-day. Price of Pompon, \$2.85

PIANO BULLETIN

OUR great plans for the future conduct of our Piano business necessitate our offering every Used Piano now in the Simpson-Crawford Piano ware rooms—whether taken in exchange or of our own—make which we have had out on rental—at prices that will cause their immediate disposal.

Consequently you are offered the greatest piano buying opportunity that has been presented in years, for these Pianos, from point of all-round excellence, good condition and high tonal qualities are Absolutely the Very Best Pianos Ever Offered at the Prices Named

Our experts have been busy for two weeks overhauling these Pianos and putting them in thorough repair. The list printed below is ready to be offered for to-morrow. Note Pianos marked with a star (*). They are exceptional bargains at the prices named.

LIST FOR WEDNESDAY

- 16 Upright Pianos, including: 1 Schmeider Upright, 1 Peer Upright, 1 Weber Upright, 1 Gibson Upright, 1 Bradbury Upright, 1 Wilson Upright, and 10 others at this price.

- Other Specials for Wednesday: 1 Bohmer Baby Grand, \$275; 1 Sherwood Upright, \$285; 1 Bradbury Up., \$180; 1 Haynes Upright, \$185; 1 Sterling Up., \$280; 1 Whitney Upright, \$185; 1 Parlor Organ, \$15

Terms \$5 Down and \$1 Weekly

If you contemplate buying a Piano, this sale is too unusual for you to miss for any reason whatever—and remember no Piano sold except on day designated. For complete list of Pianos to be sold on other days during this week refer to our big Piano announcement in The World or American of last Sunday.

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Magnificent Lace Curtains in This Sale at the Prices of the Domestic Imitations



EVER on the alert for good trade opportunities abroad, our foreign office contracted for this enormous collection of Lace Curtains at the most advantageous figures for such high-class merchandise that have been obtained in the European markets this season.

- Lacet Arabian, Irish Point, Renaissance, Brussels, Marie Antoinette, Tambour, Cluny, Antique

All the latest European Novelty effects are shown, many of which are exclusive in this country with the Simpson-Crawford store.

15 styles, \$7.50 to \$5. 18 patterns, the grade usu- \$7.50 \$8.50 values, pair. all priced up to \$10, pair 31 designs in this lot, \$9.75 16 designs, magnificent \$13.50 worth up to \$17.50, pair novelties, 22.50 val., pr.

While the collection is exceptionally large and selection is wide, certain numbers may go more quickly than others; therefore it is advisable not to defer your visit too long.

Ruffled Renaissance Bed Sets—Underpriced.

Our showing of Bed Sets embraces almost every desired style, while the pricing instances some of the most remarkable values this store has ever presented along this line. As notable examples we cite

\$5.50 and \$5.90 Bed Sets at \$3.45, and equally good values at \$5.90, \$8.90, \$12.75 and \$17.50.

Portieres at a Third Under and at Half Regular Prices.

The correct hangings for your room—no matter what the period or color scheme may be—you are certain to find here and at less than you anticipate paying for portieres of fine grade.

- \$25 Portieres to go at \$14.75, \$5 Turkish Rug Couch Covers, \$2.85

At this extraordinary marking you may select Cream Gobelin Tapestry, Silk Crisped Tapestry or Bordered Armure Damask—a superb gathering of foreign draperies at the smallest price ever heard of for such goods.

You will also find great economies in the assortment at \$5.90, \$8.90, \$12.50 and \$17.50

Important Sale of \$1.55 to \$1.75 Wilton Velvet Carpets at \$1.25 a Yrd

DO not confuse this with a "Remnant Sale," for in this notable purchase are to be found from one to five rolls of each pattern represented—an extensive and widely varied showing of about fifteen patterns, some with borders and some with stair carpet to match. Not in years have we been able to announce such values as these in genuine Wilton Velvet Carpets which, as you probably know, are far superior to the ordinary "Velvet."

This is the extra heavy pile Wilton Velvet; the patterns are in the rich Oriental colors, suitable for dining room, library or a hall and \$1.25 yd. A rare economy event scheduled for to-morrow at..... \$1.55 to \$1.75 values

- \$4.25 Sanford's Axminster Rugs Special at \$3.75, 95c. Tapestry Brussels Remnants Special at 40c. Yd.

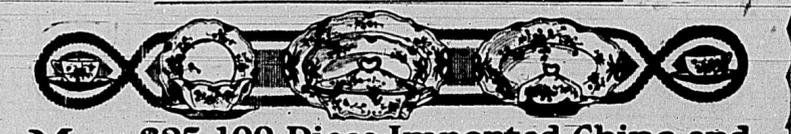
In two-tone colorings, also in floral effects; size 24 in. x 72 in. \$1.65 Remnants, Suitable for Runners, \$1 Yd. Pieces as large as 16 yards, for runner in hall, etc. Smaller Remnants as low as 40c. Yd.

\$2.25 Pattern Table Cloths, \$1.85

THAT you are offered a selection of some dozen patterns in full bleached Satin Damask Cloths at this saving comes about through our having just received a very large importation which our foreign office bought at a really remarkable price discount.

Full bleached Satin Damask Pattern Cloths, Irish manufacture; pure linen; spot, poppy, fleur-de-lis, tulip and stripe patterns. Sizes 2 1/2 yards. For this special sale, Wednesday, at..... \$1.85 Regularly \$2.25

- Hemmed Breakfast Napkins—all linen—dozen, \$1.25, Dinner Napkins—22 inches square—full bleached—dozen \$2.25, Hemstitched Tea Cloths—36x36 inches—satin damask, \$1.25, Hemstitched Linen Bed Sheets—22x36 yards—pair \$4.95, Hemstitched Linen Pillow Cases—22x36 inches—pair \$1.00, Huck Towels—grass bleached—red border—extra quality—dozen, \$2.25, Hemstitched Bureau Scarfs with fancy drawn work—5 1/2 inches long—\$2.00, Hemmed Crochet Bed Spreads—value \$1.15—at 80c., Fringed Bed Spreads—full size—value \$1.65—at \$1.50.



More \$25 100-Piece Imported China and Porcelain Dinner Sets at \$15

WE are probably the largest importers of dinnerware in America. In consequence of this buying advantages in the European markets are obtained which permit of our offering in many instances dinner sets at a third or even a half below the prices other stores must ask.

As an instance—this particular stock of china and porcelain dinner sets was contracted for before the raise in duties, and on such an extensive scale did we agree to purchase that we are now in a position to offer

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Displayed on separate dining tables on our fifth floor you will see sets of fine, thin, translucent Austrian and Bavarian China and high-grade English Porcelain; the shapes and compositions are the newest; the decorations are dainty, delicate floral designs. A genuine bargain at..... \$15 elsewhere \$25

- \$35 Theo. Haviland 100-pc. Dinner Sets, \$22.50, \$40 Limoges China 100-pc. Dinner Sets, \$25, \$15 Porcelain 100-pc. Dinner Sets, \$10, \$3 1/2-pc. Croton Sets, large assortment, \$1, \$1.50 Glass-Topped 10-in. Fruit Stands, 95c, \$3 Cut Glass Fruit or Berry Bowls, \$1.85, \$5 Cut Glass Sugar and Cream Sets, \$2.95, \$5 Weath. Oak Mantel Clocks, \$2, \$10 Nickelled or Copper Coffee Percolators, \$5, \$3 Footed Bohemian Glass 9-in. Comp. Otes, \$1.50

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