# SECRET-SERVICE MEN AT FEDERAL CANAL INQUIRY

## Grand Jury Calls Another Witness in Its Mysterious Investigation.

## TO FILE MEMORANDA.

## Motion to Dismiss Subpoenas for World Men Is Still Undecided.

The mysterious Federal Grand Jury inquisition, which is supposed to be directed at The World, was resumed to-day in Room 119, on the fourth floor of the Federal Building. Interest was added to the proceedings by the appearance, in the hall outside the Grand Jury room, of two Secret Service men from Washington, who proceeded to give some entertaining exhibitions in plain and fancy sleuthing.

The only witness called to-day was E. M. Engelman, president of a concern called the International News Service. Mr. Engelman was before the Grand Jury two hours. He was questioned by District-Attorney Stimson and a special Deputy Attorney-General from Washington.

While this proceeding is under way the motion of The World's attorneys to dismiss the subpoenas calling William P. McLoughlin, sporting editor of The World, and J. Angus Shaw, secretary of the Press Publishing Company, as Grand Jury witnesses hangs fire. Memoranda will be submitted by counsel late this afternoon, but it is not expected that Judge Ward will give his decision before to-morrow.

# EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY KILLS; BUILDINGS FALL

## Towns in Vicinity of Smyrna Feel Sharp Shock Most—American Battle-Ships Near.

SMYRNA, Turkey, Jan. 19.—A sharp earthquake was experienced here early to-day, but there was no local damage. Reports received here from Phocaea, twenty-five miles to the northwest, say that a number of houses fell and that three persons were killed. Buildings were damaged in other towns.

The American battleships Louisiana and Virginia are at present in this harbor.

Earthquakes are comparatively rare in Turkey. Several slight shocks were recorded at Constantinople, some 200 miles from Smyrna, in January and April of 1907, and in March of that year the town of Bitlin, in Turkish Armenia, experienced a shock that resulted in the killing of several persons.

Phocaea is a little town built on the site of an ancient Greek city. Smyrna is the chief seaport of Asiatic Turkey, with a population of about 200,000.

The battleships Louisiana and Virginia arrived there from Beirut, to which port they proceeded after leaving Port Said. They stayed but a few hours at Beirut on account of unsanitary conditions.

### *RELIEF SHIP CELTIC REACHES NAPLES.*

NAPLES, Jan. 19.—The supply ship Celtic arrived here this morning from New York. She is bringing relief to the earthquake sufferers. Her captain has been ordered by Admiral Sperry to turn over his entire cargo to the Italian authorities, who will undertake its distribution.

### NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 19.—The Suburban Park entries for to-morrow's races follow:

FIRST RACE—Five and a half furlongs—Sister Ollie, 112; Coat Cutter, 114; Varteghi, 102; Tommy, 107; Periwinkel, 102; Clear Rock, 112.

SECOND RACE—Three-quarters of a mile; selling—Dr. Nash, 106; Achilles, 109; Rollab, No Mo, 103; Reb, 104; Cliff Climber, 99; Rollab, 104.

THIRD RACE—Five-eighths of a mile; selling—Mapsia, 87; Cosey, 95; 103; Marchmont, 88; Copperwild, 107; Tilsey Robinson, 103; John Garner, 107; Brougham, 86.

FOURTH RACE—One mile; selling—Ed. Tracy, 104; Theodoric, 107; Adesso, 114; John McBride, 111; Arrowswift, 105.

FIFTH RACE—Five-eighths of a mile; selling—Una, 101; Hoyden, 101; Sieraja, 103; Virginia Beach, 93; Lady Bateman, 106; Pat Arnus, 108; Lysloriada, 100; Aunt Tabitha, 102.

SIXTH RACE—Three-quarters of a mile; selling—Padrone, 107; Bettie Pirate, 102; Belknap, 107; Aunt Jane, 99; Ben Ali, 97; McLain, 103; Cocoma, 107; Phil Allen, 107.

Weather clear, cool. Track slow; drying out.

# ROBINSON AND TAFT TESTIFY IN PANAMA INQUIRY

## President's Brother-in-Law and President-Elect's Brother Before Jury.

## WORLD MEN CALLED.

## District-Attorney in Washington Questions All on Panama Publications.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—When the Federal Grand Jury which is investigating the Panama publications in the New York World and other newspapers met to-day Charles P. Taft, brother of President-elect Taft, was ready to appear as a witness in answer to a subpoena served on him in Augusta, Ga.

The corridors and witness room in the United States Court were thronged with newspaper men and others, summoned to give testimony before the Grand Jury. In addition to the Washington correspondents subpoenaed there were on hand A. W. Tracy, assistant to Mr. Hornaday, of the Indianapolis News; Douglas Robinson, the President' brother-in-law; H. F. Taff, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company; J. W. Dunbar, John H. Becker and J. O. Spangler, local news-dealers, and William Smith, a newsboy.

**Robinson First Witness.**

Mr. Robinson was the first witness. For a long time preceding the giving of his testimony he was closeted with District-Attorney Baker. He was in the Grand Jury room only five minutes. He declined to give any information regarding his testimony.

Mr. Taff refused to produce copies of any telegrams or give any evidence without an order of the Court. In consequence the Grand Jury, accompanied by United States District-Attorney Baker, and with Mr. Taff in custody, proceeded to the Criminal Court, where Justice Gould issued the necessary order. Mr. Taff explained to the Court that the Western Union Telegraph Company held all messages to be confidential and private and that he would not make any statement unless the Court so directed him. The jury then went back to their room and Mr. Taff underwent his examination.

Otto Carmichael, the head of the Washington bureau of the New York World, was subjected to a rigid examination and was on the stand for a considerable time. He identified certain editions of the New York World and stories appearing in them bearing on the Panama Canal purchase. His assistants, Messrs. Albert and Conway, were called and gave corroborative testimony.

In addition to identifying the several editions of The New York World the District-Attorney offered proof to the Grand Jury that Messrs. Carmichael, Albert and Conway were salaried employees of The World, engaged in the gathering of and writing of news for that paper.

The newsboy Willie Smith, as well as the three newsdealers, all testified to their having received numerous copies of The New York World of the dates named in the subpoena and to having sold them to the general public.

**Taft Testifies.**

Charles P. Taft, brother of President-elect W. H. Taft, against whom some of the articles are said in some quarters to have been directed, arrived at the Court-House at 12.30 and after a brief conference with District-Attorney Baker entered the Grand Jury room. When Mr. Taft made his appearance a number of photographers had their cameras ready to take his picture, but several detectives, acting under orders of Mr. Baker, prevented their doing so.

The testimony of Mr. Taft consumed but five minutes' time. He declined to discuss the case in any way and immediately left the Court-House.

The examination of James P. Hornaday lasted but a few minutes. His testimony was confined simply to the fact that he was the Washington correspondent of the Indianapolis News and to the identification of files of his paper. The Grand Jury then adjourned until to-morrow.

number of witnesses are yet to be examined.

### *RAYNOR AGAIN SPEAKS ON THE PANAMA INQUIRY.*

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Senator Rayner's resolution calling on the Attorney-General for information concerning a report that he is proceeding to bring suits charging certain newspapers with libel in connection with the purchase of the Panama Canal property by the United States was today laid before the Senate and Mr. Rayner spoke further in advocacy of its passage.

The Senate by a vote of 44 to 24 adopted Mr. Lodge's motion to send the Rayner resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### SLATER HEARING DELAYED.

The extradition proceedings instituted by the British Government to have Oscar Slater sent back to England to stand trial for the murder of Miss Marion Gilchrist, of Queen's Terrace, on the night of Dec. 21, were begun this afternoon before United States Commissioner Shields.

On the request of Charles Fox, who represents the British Government, adjournment was granted until Jan. 26 to await the arrival of the High Sheriff of Glasgow and three witnesses. These men are now on the Baltic.


**Voting Coupon for American Beauty Chorus.**

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# ALDERMEN WANT A CHANCE TO EXERCISE INTELLIGENCE

## So They Postpone for a Week an Emergency Resolution Providing for the Purchase of Butter and Eggs for Hospitals.

Aldermen Gunthen and Estabrook were moved at the meeting of the Board this afternoon to demand that the resolutions on the calendar which were not emergency measures should go over for one week in order, as Alderman Gunther said, "that the members of the Board might have an opportunity to exercise their intelligence on them."

Alderman Estabrook demanded the laying over of an issue of corporate stock for the purchase of butter and eggs for the city hospitals. Alderman Kennelly, of Charles Francis Murphy's district, began to explain the urgency of the resolution.

"Oh, if it is necessary to save the board from being enlightened by a speech from Alderman Kennelly," said Alderman Estabrook, who is a surpassingly beautiful youth, with a white waistcoat and a bell skirted statesman's coat, "I will not insist"——

"But I insist," rejoined Alderman Kennelly, "on enlightening the mimber from dar-rerkest Brooklyn." He did. Then Mr. Estabrook objected, and the resolution providing butter, cream, milk and eggs for the hospitals was set back a week.

The hundreds of spectators who had gathered in the hope of a continuation of the etymological battle which raged between Aldermen Dowling and Downing a week ago were visibly encouraged. Their hopes were foiled until a resolution authorizing the shoeing of the horses of the Police Department without public letting was brought up. Republican and Democratic Aldermen alike explained that police horse-shoeing had to be done in many parts of the city and in small jobs. Mr. Alderman Sullivan rose in scorn and said:

"Inasmuch as it is well known, not only in this city but throughout this nation, that the Board of Aldermen of New York City is far more excited over putting shoes on a lot of skates with policemen on top of them than it is about the necessity of furnishing milk and eggs and other necessities for the sick and dying in the hospitals, I OBJECT."

Moreover, the objection went.

# POLICE "SYSTEM" WORKS WELL TO SAVE SHELLARD

## As State Witnesses Patrolmen Help Man Accused of Killing Barbara Reig.

The trial of former Policeman David Shellard for the murder of Barbara Reig progressed most favorably for the defense in Justice Crane's part of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to-day. James W. Ridgway, counsel for Shellard, was so satisfied with the testimony of the three first witnesses for the prosecution that he did not bother to cross-examine them.

The "system" is taking care of Shellard, although he was dismissed from the police force in disgrace. He still has powerful relatives and friends in the Police Department, and a little thing like a charge of killing a girl is not allowed to stand in the way of rendering aid and assistance to a "brother officer."

Justice Crane manifested his disguest at the evidence of the police witnesses for the prosecution by sharp, sarcastic questions and looks that spoke louder than words. It has been plain from the start of the trial that no policeman would tell anything that might hurt the accused.

**Must Depend on Police.**

Police testimony is the only testimony available concerning what happened around the scene of the crime after it was discovered.

Charles Kielmann, a saloonkeeper, with a place at Hamburg avenue and Halsey street was the first witness today. His saloon is in the Hamburg avenue precinct and was a favorite lounging place for policemen in Shellard's time. Kielmann was not only an unwilling, but an exasperating witness, his replies being evasive and not responsive.

"Have you been drinking?" asked Justice Crane of the witness.

"Not to-day," replied Kielmann.

Policemen George Nick and Charles Fritz were so manifestly prejudiced in favor of the prisoner that Justice Crane took a hand in their examination. They successfully dodged his incisive inquiries, however. Nick testified that he and a policeman named Kohler and Shellard looked for half an hour for the revolver with which the girl was supposed to have killed herself, and that in all that search Shellard did not say a word.

During the examination of these witnesses Mr. Ridgway sat complacent and quiescent. He asked them no questions.

**Could Not Shoot Herself.**

Dr. S. B. Hubbard, of No. 143 West One Hundred and Fourth street, Manhattan, was sworn as a witness. He said he treated Barbara Reig on April 14, 1906, after her right hand had been crushed in a machine in a factory where she was employed. The injury, the doctor said, did not extend to the index finger and thumb, but stiffened the three other fingers. He said it was doubtful if Barbara Reig, with her crippled hand, could have operated a revolver in such a way as to shoot herself in the head.

Mary Thompson, a married sister of Barbara Reig, and May Krug, an intimate friend of the girl, also told of her crippled hand. Mrs. Thompson said that her mother had to cut Barbara's food because Barbara could not handle a knife with her right hand unless she held the hand against her hip.

Henrietta Hynes, another friend of Barbara Reig, was called. Assistant District-Attorney Roy tried to show by this witness that policemen who saw the dead girl after the tragedy in Irving Square Park knew her and hid their knowledge to shield Shellard. The girl refused to make any admissions along that line.

The wife of the defendant, carrying her little baby, was ordered, during the morning proceedings, to take a seat in the back part of the room out of the direct view of the jury. The baby cried yesterday afternoon and the jurymen were observed to steal sympathetic glances at it.


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# THAW WITHDRAWS HIS APPLICATION FOR SANITY TRIAL

## Disappointed Because Jury Is Denied Him and Averse to New York Hearing.

Charles Morschauser, of Poughkeepsie, as counsel for Harry K. Thaw, appeared before Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, in Special Term, at White Plains to-day and asked for an order dismissing the writ on which Justice Tompkins acted on Saturday last when he sent the trial as to the question of Thaw's sanity to New York County.

The petition on which the writ was granted was signed by Thaw's mother, Mrs. Mary C. Thaw, of Pittsburg. Thaw wanted a trial by a jury in Dutchess County, and when Justice Tompkins denied him a jury and sent the matter to New York for determination it came as a sad blow to the prisoner. It is said Thaw was afraid to go to New York to have his sanity tested and for that reason he urged his lawyer to withdraw the writ, which Lawyer Morschauser did.

This is the third time that a writ has been granted to Thaw and now Lawyer Morschauser is going to await the appeals before the Appellate Division from the order of Justice Morschauser remanding Thaw to Matteawan and the decision of Justice Mills granting him a trial before him without a jury. Thaw's lawyer contends on appeal that the prisoner is entitled to a jury trial as a constitutional right.

# GAS TRUST MEN MEET BEHIND LOCKED DOORS

The Board of Directors of the Consolidated Gas Company met this afternoon at the National City Bank building. At the conclusion of the session a member of the board told an Evening World reporter that only routine business had been considered. There were other meetings of directors of subsidiary companies of the Gas Trust held in the downtown district.

Immediately following the Consolidated board meeting there was a session of the gas company's executive committee held in the office of Shearman & Sterling, lawyers, of No. 44 Wall street. John W. Sterling declined to make any statement for publication when even en route from one gas meeting to another.

Upon the arrival of the mandate of the United States Supreme Court from Washington, expected early in February, Judge Lacombe, of the United States Circuit Court, will issue a decree which will provide for the carrying out of the provisions of the mandate. This decree, it is understood, will provide the general plan for distributing the gas fund, now in the custody of the lower court, and will be on the lines of the announcement made in last night's Evening World.

### SAVANNAH ENTRIES.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 19.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Three-year-olds and up; five furlongs. Lydia Ginter, 99; Salvolatile, 103; Whiskbroom, 103; Risk, 105; Youthful, 105.

SECOND RACE—Three-year-olds and up; selling; non-winners; five furlongs. Roger De Coverly, 107; Hugh Garrett, 107; Tomochichi, 100; Soiree, 105; Miss Dustin, 106; Dene, 105; Panique, 102; Nioless, 105.

THIRD RACE—Three-year-olds and up; non-winners at the meeting; selling; six furlongs. Roseboro, 107; Benora, 107; Haymarket, 105; After All, 95; Polar Star, 102; Coincident, 105; Hanoway, 102.

FOURTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up; selling; one mile. Spring Fling, 94; Autumn Flower, 108; Whiskbroom, 91; Dolly Bultman, 88; Anna Smith, 108.

FIFTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up; selling; five furlongs. Lydia Ginter, 100; Malecon, 107; W. H. Lyon, 109; *Merise, 102; Pimpante, 100; Euripides, 102.

*Apprentice allowance.

Threatening; track fast.

# PANIC, DEATH, FROZEN HYDRANTS MARK DAY'S FIRES

## Mrs. Robert Freedman Dies of Injuries and Mary Reilly Is Fatally Burned.

## LANDMARK DESTROYED.

## Wife of Millionaire Truesdale Helps Her Servants Fight Fire in Home.

With the streets so slippery with ice and snow that the fire horses could hardly travel, and with the hydrants frozen tight, New York had the series of bad fires to-day that nearly always go somehow with bitter winter weather.

One life was lost in a fire that started with a coal gas explosion in an apartment house on the upper east side. An old woman was fatally hurt in a blaze that destroyed a revolutionary landmark downtown. The wife of millionaire William T. Truesdale led a fire brigade of servants, who saved her mansion from being gutted. Frozen water pipes allowed a fire in Brooklyn to get such headway that for a while a big conflagration was threatened.

### *TENANTS IN WILD PANIC AT FIRE IN TENEMENT HOUSE.*

Gas which accumulated under a banked fire in the coal range of Robert Freedman, on the third floor of a big apartment-house, at No. 301 East Eighty-fifth street, exploded at 3 o'clock this morning. It set fire to the nightclothes and hair of Mrs. Freedman, mortally injuring her, badly burning her husband, who came to her rescue, and causing a panic in the house which sent the twenty families scurrying to the street, some down the stairs and others down the ice-coveerd fire-escapes.

Mrs. Freedman during the early morning hours, went to the kitchen to stir up the fire and was digging into the mass of coal when the explosion occurred. The stove was torn to pieces and the hot and burning coals were thrown over Mrs. Freedman's filmy garments and her hair, which was hanging loose about her shoulders.

Mrs. Freedman got to the door of her son's room when she collapsed. Her husband, hearing her cries, ran to her and attempted to smother the fire with his hands, only to have his own clothes catch.

Mrs. Freedman's scream had aroused the other tenants in the house, and the panic followed. The cry of fire sounded from the first to the fifth floor, and as smoke came out from the Freedman's apartments, then tenants on the two upper floors, fearing the halls were burning, ran to the fire-escapes.

Lieut. Kelly and Policeman Blummell, of the East Eighty-eighth street station, found the front and rear fire-escapes jammed with shivering, yelling families. They sent in a call for firemen, and then got the ground ladders lowered.

Kelly and Blummell then rushed to the Freedmans. Both husband and wife were unconscious, and the son had collapsed from weakness. When Dr. Sauter came from Presbyterian Hospital he said there was little or no hope for the recovery of Mrs. Freedman. The man's injuries were not so severe. Husband and wife were rushed to the hospital, and the sick son was taken in by a neighbor. Mr. Freedman died late this afternoon.

### *LANDMARK OF REVOLUTIONARY DAYS BURNED.*

One of New York's landmarks, a building at Nos. 40-42 Whitehall street, which saw service during the days of the revolution and before, went up in a puff of flame and smoke this morning, and at the same time a little dried-up creature, with bent shoulders and white hair, received injuries from which she will die.

The little old woman, Mrs. Mary Reilly, close to seventy, who lives at No. 27 Washington street, and who earns enough money for a crust and a roof over her head by "cleaning-up," was in the office and store room of Jacob Lawson, a manufacturer of coffee bags, who occupied the third and fourth floors of the building.

**Gas Explosion in Store.**

Little Mrs. Reilly had spent the better part of the morning hours getting the bag manufacturer's office and store rooms into shape, and she was blue from cold when two of the employes, John Roth, of No. 112 Fifteenth street, Brooklyn, and Frank Marthello, of No. 3 Fourth place, Brooklyn, came to work at 7.45. Following the men came two girls, Margaret McCarthy and Rose Morton, also in the employ of Lawson.

"Give us a fire, Aunt Mary," called one of the men, "we are freezing."

The little old woman toddled back to the office where there was a gas heater. She turned on the gas and with a lighted match bent down to ignite the heater. Instantly there was an explosion.

Mrs. Reilly's threadbare garments took fire, as did her white hair, and she was knocked from her feet. She arose, and with a scream ran toward the door leading into the store room, where bagging was piled half way to the ceiling.

Mrs. Reilly was taken to Hudson Street Hospital, and the doctors said she could not live more than a few hours. Roth and Marthello were treated by an ambulance surgeon and taken to their homes. The two Robinger children were revived and sheltered in a warm room in the army building.

### *MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE FIGHTS FIRE WITH SERVANTS.*

Mrs. William H. Truesdale, who is experienced as a fire fighter, even as her husband, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, is experienced as a soother of commuters, saved her home, at No. 4 Lexington avenue, from destruction by fire to-day. Mary Murphy, a maid, ran to Mrs. Truesdale just before breakfast and said that the cellar was on fire over the hot-air furnace. Mr. Truesdale is in Washington; Miss Ethel Steele, Mrs. Truesdale's niece, is staying with her in his absence. Mrs. Truesdale and Miss Steele ran downstairs and organized a bucket brigade which included the butler, the pantry man, all the maids and the cook.

Under Mrs. Truesdale's direction water splashed on the smouldering girders over the furnace. When no more sparks were visible, Mrs. Truesdale sent Mary Murphy to the telephone to call the Fire Department; she wanted the results of her labors inspected and certified as complete.

### *FROZEN HYDRANTS CAUSE DELAY AND LOSS BY A BLAZE.*

Frozen hydrants allowed the fire, which started in the cellar of the double flat-house at No. 238 New York avenue, Brooklyn, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, to eat its way up through the house before the firemen could get a stream of water on the blaze.

The tenants of the big building all managed to get out safely, though they saved little of their effects. The fire apparatus responded promptly on the first alarm, but a delay of fully five minutes was caused by the frozen hydrants, which had to be thawed out with steam.

While this thawing process was going on the fire was roaring through the hallways of the building and for a time threatened to spread to the adjoining structure at No. 236 New York avenue. When the firemen finally did get a stream they found plenty of pressure and drowned out the fire. The damage is estimated at $10,000. When it was feared that the fire would spread to the adjoining flat house Edward Decker, who was ill with pneumonia on the top story, was carried down to one of the lower floors.

Thirty "white wings" from the Street Cleaning Depot near the scene of the fire assisted the firemen and two of the "white wings," Stephen Demarco and John Reid, were painfully hurt. Demarco's thumb was almost torn off when he got it caught in a hose-coupling, and Reid had his shoulder dislocated.

### *GIRLS FAINT IN FLIGHT FROM A FACTORY BLAZE.*

A hot fire in a nest of factory plants on the extreme mid-west side drove 1,000 men and women employees out into the cold, gave 100 firemen a lot of unpleasant icy labor and plastered a thick smudge of smoke over the North River from Weehawken to Hoboken. The fire started in the plant of the Smith Metal Bed Company, which occupies a building numbered 623 West Forty-third street.

But the building, an ancient two-story brick structure, 100 feet long and 40 feet deep, does not front on Forty-third street. It stands in the rear of the lot and in front of it on the Forty-third street side is the three-story plant of the Home Pattern Company, which employs 300 girls. The bed factory is not visible from Forty-third street.

**Factories All Around.**

Adjoining the Home Pattern Company building on the west is the Broumuller Piano Company, and in the rear of the piano factory and adjacent to the bed factory is the five-story plant of the William Green Printing Company. There are other factories toward Twelfth avenue. In the rear of the bed factory and the William Green plant is a battery of five immense tanks belonging to the Consolidated Gas Company.

Abraham Herschkowitz, an employee of the Smith Metal Bed Company, working on the second floor, felt the floor grow hot under his feet at 11.30 o'clock. He looked down and saw smoke curling through the floor cracks. Then he saw a little tongue of flame shoot through and lick the side of the work bench.

William Levowitz, the foreman, was close by and Herschkowitz called to him. Just then flames broke through the floor from the stock room below and the two men broke for safety.

Running through the factory, they sounded the alarm and the 100 employees made a scramble for their wraps. The fire was feeding on the only inflammable material in the place, packing cases and paints and lacquers.

**Fleeing Girls Faint.**

Three girls employed in the lacquering department fainted on the stairway at the eastern end of the building. They were Agnes Sweeney, Nellie Fitzgerald and Lottie Rosenberg. Leo Reynolds, Edward Murray and Izzy Lazarus paused long enough in their flight to drag the girls outside and roll them in the snow.

C. R. Rosenberg, manager of the Home Pattern plant, heard the shouts of "Fire!" and instantly sounded what is known as the "lunch bell." Although it was half an hour ahead of time the 300 girl employees quietly got their wraps and proceeded to the street without any disorder. Few of them knew there was a fire so close by.

The first alarm brought Deputy Chief Langford, who turned in a second alarm, to which Chief Croker responded. The firemen managed to confine the blaze to the plant of the metal bed company.


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# IN FLAMES, MAN HUNG HEAD DOWN ON "L" GIRDERS

## Crowd Saw Workman Swaying in Air With His Clothing Ablaze.

From the bottom of a Third avenue elevated car starting out of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth street station to-day dropped a chunk of ice. It fell on the arms of Victor Mellow, an electrician, who was sitting on the girders under the station with a bunch of electric wires in his hand. He was working the insulated strands into a pipe in rearranging the lighting system. The wires were thrown against the iron girder on which he was seated and the current passing through them was short circuited.

There was an explosion and a flash which startled people three blocks away. The corner under the station is the busiest spot in the traffic of the Bronx. There was a panic-stricken rush away from the station. The first to look back over their shoulders saw Mellow's body, his clothing all ablaze, slipping slowly down through the girders, head first.

With screams and shouts of horror the crowd rushed back. Mellow's feet caught and held him and he swung, head down, with blackened face, while a line of fire was working back up across his clothes. His fellow workmen, pulling on rubber gloves, cautiously drew aside the molten mass of fused wires, which were still dripping fiery sparks to the street. Then they drew Mellow up by the legs and passed him from one to another across the gaps between the girders to the station platform.

Meanwhile an ambulance had been summoned from Lincoln Hospital. The crowd in the street became so excited and dense that word was sent to the Alexander avenue station for the reserves, and the streets were blocked off for half an hour or more.

Ambulance Surgeon Wynkoop ministered to Mellow on the platform. The electrician's hands were nearly burned away. The woolen gloves which he had been wearing had burned slowly all the time he was suspended in the air. His face and arms and body were also badly burned. He will probably die of his injuries.

### OAKLAND ENTRIES.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 19.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Parcours handicap, selling—Tom Shaw, 111; Duke of Orange, 105; Dargin, 107; Billy Rowlegs, 101; Wawona, 110; Col. White, one contested, 96; Distributor, 102; Fawcombe, 107; Pip, 110; 107; Andoche, 110; Zulma, 105.

SECOND RACE—Chico furlongs—Rezon, 107; Lorenzo, 107; Wicket, 101; Bodkin Mell, 99; Fire, 102; Match 'Em, 107; Parmont, 104; Coppertown, 100; Sahotta, 104; Tube Rose, 99.

Note—Rezon and Match 'Em, Griffin entry.

THIRD RACE—Mile and twenty yards, selling—Mattie Mack, 110; Graphite, 107; Gromobol, 107; Generous, 102; Romanoff, 100; Standover, 107; St. Avon, 105; Steel Rice, 102; Derdom, 107; Keep Moving, 107; Dan Posal, 105.

FOURTH RACE—Mile and a sixteenth, McGibben Handicap—Col. Jack, 105; Nadan, 99; Sewell, 105; Red Leaf, 99; Clamor, 95; Fancy, 108.

Clamor and Red Leaf Keene entry.

FIFTH RACE—Mile and twenty yards, selling—Royal Reel, 107; Burgoyne, 107; Sea Lad, 104; Phil Igoe, 102; Lechmere, 97; Cook Hedrick, 107; Kopp, 102; Sangster, 100; Xtire, 107; Prince of Orange, 107; Bochamber, 102; Rose Cherry, 100.

SIXTH RACE—Futurity course—High Private, 104; Apto Oro, 102; Phoenix, Water, 104; Waisenkind, 94; L. Cann, 102.

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