

THOUSANDS WATCH FIRE THAT BLOCKS "L" FOR AN HOUR

Imperilled Harlem Tenants Driven From Houses by the Police.

THREE ALARMS SOUNDED

Michigan Furniture Company Building, Third Avenue, Completely Destroyed.

Thousands of Harlemites left their beds early today to watch a spectacular fire that wiped out the four-story building of the Michigan Furniture Company at No. 274 Third avenue, drove many people from neighboring homes and caused the stopping of the Third avenue elevated and surface lines for an hour. The damage amounted to \$50,000.

Policeman Helmswege of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station passed over the sidewalk grating in front of the building on his early morning stroll. He felt a warm blast through the grating and smelled smoke. The policeman ran and notified Engine Company No. 25. Before the blaze was stopped three alarms were sent and the reserves from two police precincts were required to handle the situation.

BURSTING FLAME SENT THE WINDOWS CRASHING OUT.

The firemen found the trouble in the cellar. A lot of furniture was stored there, with excelsior and polish of an inflammable character. When the water was turned into the cellar it fanned the flames and they shot through the first floor and sent the windows crashing out, bringing a shower of glass upon the firemen outside.

Then the flames found their way up the elevator shaft and broke through the roof. Fifty feet high they played in the air.

The brilliant illumination brought out thousands of sightseers, who watched the fire fighting. Battalion Chief Andrews, who had come at the second alarm, found that the fire was getting dangerous. He telephoned the Third Avenue Elevated to shut off its power, and the trains halted while the firemen went on the elevated structure and strapped the hoist lines to the high places. From this vantage point the firemen flooded the building.

POLICE DROVE IMPERILLED TENANTS INTO THE STREET.

Just in rear in Lincoln place, a blind alley district, where once the aristocracy of Harlem had its center. The smoke from the building became so dense that tenants in Lincoln place were in much danger. Inspector Sweeney sent his reserves around to get the tenants to the streets.

The policemen took Mrs. May Levy, a servant and Baby Levy from No. 4 Lincoln place. The baby was so badly affected by smoke that an ambulance surgeon from Harlem Hospital had to give it attention. Mrs. Lillian Jackson and her children, Stanley, Howell, Herbert, Irvin and Harold, were taken to their home next door.

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Sirota, Russian Cantor, Has Voice Approaching That of Great Caruso

It Is Robust, Is of Wide Range and Has Quality and Charm Throughout the Registers—Carnegie Hall Stormed by Mob to Hear Him—Many Hundreds Turned Away After the House Is Filled to Capacity.



BERSON SIROTA

BY SYLVESTER RAWLING. CARNEGIE HALL last night was the scene to music lovers, at least—of an unprecedented demonstration when Sirota, the much-heralded tenor cantor of Warsaw made his American debut in concert. The house was sold out days ago, but early in the evening the purchasers of tickets began to assemble until, when the front doors were opened at 7:30 o'clock, they had reached the dimensions of a crowd, and a crowd that was constantly growing. No sooner were the doors opened than the lobby was flooded with clamorers for tickets that were not to be had. In vain the fact was shouted to them from the box office. Nobody would budge.

Persons who arrived early, their tickets in hand, found it impossible to enter and soon the doors were closed in their faces. The two or three policemen present were powerless. Apparently no effort was made to augment their force. Some of us orderly and considerate persons with memories could only sigh for the days of Inspector Williams and his "hunks." It would have taken them only a few minutes to restore order and decency. Never was a small squad of "astronaut" men more urgently needed, for the manners of the subway in the rush hours were completely outdone.

EVERY MAN AND WOMAN DETERMINED TO BE FIRST IN.

Every man, and for that matter, every woman, seemed animated by only one purpose—the prevention of anybody getting in ahead of him or her. When the officials of the house, not knowing what else to do, opened the middle doors again, there was such squeaking and pushing as rarely are seen. As the successful purchasers and possessors of the seats were flushed and disheveled, and some of them, it is said, were minus their pocketbooks and valuables. As the cantor is to appear again on Sunday afternoon at the Hippodrome, would it not be wise for the police to take cognizance of the fact and take steps to prevent a recurrence of the disastrous scenes?

Additional light on what actually took place may be given to those who were not there by stating the fact that although the doors were first thrown open at 7:30 o'clock, with a mob ready to burst in, the house was not half filled at 8:30, when the writer managed to reach his place. It was 1:30 before the concert began, and not by then was the whole house seated.

THE CANTOR JUSTIFIES HIS HERALDING.

It may be said at once that Sirota justified his much heralded reputation. No other voice that the writer has heard so nearly approach Caruso's in quality and power. It would seem that the Hebrew church has absorbed a singer who might have found worldwide fame and immense fortune in the states. Long continued chanting of the Hebrew liturgy, with its Oriental wallings that to Western ears have touches in them suggestive of the Irish ballad, with its broken phrases and ancient forms, may have robbed him of the possibility—which, it is said, he has the highest secular laurels as an operatic singer. Something of this was disclosed in the way he treated "Celeste Aida," but the fact remains that his voice is beautiful and appealing and powerful. It is well worth hearing.

Sirota was assisted by an admirable soloist of fifty from the Synagogue Ohav Zedek in West One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, and by Clarence Eddy at the organ. The director—a most capable one—was L. Loew, whom the cantor brought with him from Russia. Both he and Sirota, in evening clothes, carried their hats when they came upon the stage and wore them when the cantor was singing liturgical hymns. The choir wore black gowns and hats somewhat after the pattern of the Irish man Catholic barretts, as is the custom with orthodox Jews. Sirota was heard first with the choir in "Tov L'Hadot"—the ninety-second Psalm—to a setting by Loew's organ. Then he sang alone "Rachmona D'One." Later, with the chorus, he sang Loew's "K'ushchah"; alone, his own improvisation "Weechomir," and with the chorus Schostakowitch's "Hiss." Finally, he was heard with the chorus in Sulzer's "Berach Hashonoh" and "Rachmonim" from Haydn's "The Creation." At the end of the first part he sang the "Celeste Aida," which reference has already been made.

LITTLEST CHOIR BOY SHARES HONORS WITH CANTOR.

It was while crossing the Atlantic, suffering from a cold ever since he landed, so that at momentary intervals last night he was forced to take pellets for the relief of his throat; nervous as the reference he would be at his first appearance in the New World, Sirota was always delighted to hear. He was heartily applauded when he appeared, was recalled after every number and was made to suffer a riot of impetuosity for a repetition after his singing of "Rea." In that number the smallest member of the choir recited an alleluia to the cantor's tenor with a plente of voice and a sturdiness of manner that would have done credit to a veteran of the stage and won for him great applause. When at last he jumped upon the conductor's stand to his acknowledgments, the audience shrieked with delight. The little chap, the writer learned afterward by meeting him, was Joseph Fawcett, twelve years old, happy and confident but also modest.

Assisting Sirota, in addition to the choir, was Clarence Eddy, the organist, who played several solos, and Mrs. La. Sallie-Rosen, who sang "Caro Nome" from "Rigletto" and the mad scene from "Lucia," with J. Wagner playing the flute obligato. The accompanist at the piano was Vittorio Podest.

FINE DOUBLE BILL AT THE METROPOLITAN.

A happy combination of Commemorative

HEROES DRAG TWO VICTIMS OUT OF GAS-FILLED HOLE

Overcome by Fumes, They Sink Unconscious Beside Men They Save.

ALL FOUR NEAR DEATH.

Policeman and Volunteer Plunge Into Cellar Twice in Their Daring Rescue.

That there is a hero for every occasion calling for heroism in the every day life of New York was illustrated again today, when a policeman and a citizen risked their lives in going into a dark cellar, full of gas, and dragging out two men who had been made unconscious by the poisonous fumes. The danger was not alone from gas, but a spark of fire would have precipitated an explosion that would have killed or maimed the imperilled men and the rescuers.

Hurton Thompson, an expert employed by the Consolidated Gas Company, and his helper, George McShayne, went into the cellar under the sidewalk at No. 142 East Thirty-fourth street to thaw and repair a frozen service pipe. The cellar was dark, and the only light was furnished by an electric pocket lamp carried by McShayne.

GAS BLEW ICE STOPPER OUT OF PIPE.

It did not take Thompson long to recognize the tap of the service pipe. Unknown to him the entire gas pipe had almost thawed, and as he stopped to insert a probe, the gas pressure forced out a mixture of fine ice and water that struck him full in the face and knocked him down. This was followed by a tremendous flow of gas.

McShayne tried to drag out Thompson, who was helpless, and dropped his lamp. As he stooped to recover it the full flow of the gas caught him in the face and down he went, falling into a corner.

The first intimation that there was anything wrong reached the persons in the house in the shape of an overpowering odor of gas. They ran to the street and summoned Policeman Belcher from Lexington avenue.

Belcher was told there was a man in the cellar. Wrapping his coat about his head, he prepared to go down and grope through the poisonous atmosphere for the man who had fallen into the rear yard. He was unconscious, but revived in the fresh air, and his first utterance was an inquiry for McShayne.

"Is there another man in there?" asked Belcher.

Thompson's answer was to struggle to his feet and stagger toward the cellar. Belcher and Mullane held him back and turned him over to bystanders while they ran into the gas filled hole a second time.

By crawling on their hands and knees they located McShayne. As they pulled him into the fresh air they fell on top of him, having expended the last ounce of their strength getting him out.

Thompson and McShayne were revived with difficulty, but they refused to go to Bellevue Hospital for treatment, and remained around until employees of the gas company, equipped with safety helmets, arrived and shut off the gas. Belcher went back to his corner post, and Mullane went about his business.

\$200,000 PAID FOR CAFE ON BROADWAY.

Dowling's cafe, on the southwest corner of Broadway and Forty-third street, a place well known to every habitue of Times Square, passed at 7 o'clock last night into the control of James O'Donnell, the late proprietor of Andy Horn's famous all-night saloon in Park Row, just above the Brooklyn Bridge entrance.

Mr. Dowling sold his business and good-will to O'Donnell for \$200,000, in addition to giving the new proprietor a fifteen years' lease at a net rental of \$25,000 a year. This is said to be the highest price ever paid for a cafe of its size in this country.

March Term. His opponent declared the case was begun three years ago, and that many delays at the Mayor's request had interfered with the trial.

"I will not adjourn the case until March," stated the Court. If the defendant is still ill on Monday, and at that time if there are still good and sufficient reasons for postponing it, the application will be considered in due form. It is marked ready and passed only by Monday.

Mr. Crowley asked the Court to direct all witnesses to return Monday, adding that he wished the attendance of Miss Mary E. Gwynor, the Mayor's sister. Mr. Baldwin opposed the motion and declined to stipulate the attendance of any of the witnesses.

Former Police Commissioner Bingham was in court with a group of friends.

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ACTORS' QUARREL ENDS IN SLAYING OF NEW YORK BOY

Comedian, Brother of Fred Stone, Shoots Max Abbott in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Max Freidberg of No. 120 East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, received a despatch from Cincinnati, O., today that her brother, Meyer Opatowsky, a young actor, had been shot and killed last night in a shooting gallery adjoining the Standard Theatre in Cincinnati, by George Stone, a brother of Fred Stone of "Wizard of Oz" fame.

Opatowsky's stage name was Max Abbott. He was the tenor in the quartet of a burlesque company which is on tour with a production called "The Social Maiden." Stone is the leading comedian of the company. Stone and Opatowsky had been enemies since they started out on the road.

They met in the shooting gallery next door to the theatre last night. Stone seized a rifle from the rack and shot Abbott through the breast. He declared afterward he had been warned that Abbott and his friends had planned to kill him and that he shot in self-defense. The wounded man died in the Cincinnati City Hospital.

MORSE IS N. H. CAMPBELL.

S. S. KAISERIN AUGUSTE VICTORIA, Feb. 15 (by wireless).—Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Morse are down on the Kaiserin's passenger lists as Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Campbell. None of the passengers has so far seen the banker whose sentence President Taft commuted.

Word is sent from the Morse's stateroom that Mr. Morse is a very sick man. He is confined to his berth, not even leaving his stateroom for meals.

PURSELL FIRM FAILS, RECEIVER IN CHARGE.

Famous Caterers' Business in Unsystematic Tangle, Says Lawyer Wolf, for Creditors.

Receiver Ralph Wolf today took possession of the Purcell Manufacturing Company's business under an order issued yesterday by United States District Judge Wolf. Mr. Wolf, who is a lawyer, put his father in charge. He said today that the liabilities of the baking and catering company are \$70,000 and the assets about \$80,000. He considers all the book accounts good.

"The business has been conducted loosely," he said. "There has been no system. While books were kept they reveal nothing. The concern has six branches. Some paid, while others did not, yet the books fail to show which were the losers, the entire business being grouped together." The Purcell bakery and lunch room at No. 316 Broadway has long been a famous place for women shoppers to get afternoon tea and light lunches. The branch at Fifth avenue and Twenty-seventh street is also a rendezvous for shoppers, crowded every afternoon.

The Purcell company was started about forty years ago by Thomas Purcell, a confectioner and baker. The company catered for the smartest functions in the city. Receiver Wolf says that none of the accounts reveals that any of the society patrons failed to pay.

TUBERCULOSIS, ITS CURE.

Any Cough May Lead to Consumption.

If you have a stubborn cough or any ill effects of the Grip or any indications of bronchitis or long trouble do not put off or neglect until dangerous conditions develop. Do not be afraid of being told that you have the beginning of consumption, because every case is curable at this stage. You may have only a cough or cold; you may have a catarrh of some throat or bronchial ailment, or you may have entry tubercular trouble—all of which may be promptly cured, if only discovered and properly treated in time.

It is a fearful waste of time to attempt to "doctor" your case when you have a lingering cough or cold, because you may be using the wrong remedy for the wrong thing, and in the meantime the disease is progressing toward the danger zone. Do not neglect a cough, cold or catarrh, for they are forerunners of consumption.

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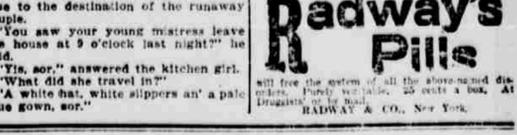
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