

made in the complaint which reads: "That the said human beings who died as aforesaid were minors under the age of sixteen and were admitted to said moving picture theatre unaccompanied by guardians as required by law."

The three defendants were represented in court by E. M. Haas of the law firm of Cohen, Haas and Schimmel of No. 302 Broadway.

On the bench with Magistrate Tobias was Deputy Commissioner O'Grady. She made an emphatic statement to the press in which she said:

"I am going to urge that a sweeping order be issued immediately to close every moving picture theatre in New York City until we investigate the conditions surrounding them and ascertain whether the practice is general of admitting minors unaccompanied by parents or guardians. Many of the places are abominations of filth."

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY TOOK TWO YOUNGER CHILDREN.

A. Moepp and William J. Kelleher, agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, were in court, having with them Carmelo Olivera, fourteen years old, of No. 68 Oliver Street. Carmelo, one of the victims of the theatre panic, bore marks of his tramping upon the face. He stated that he went to the theatre with his three-year-old brother, Salvatore, and Salvatore Strazera, a four-year-old child of a neighbor. He says he had 20 cents and that he was charged 10 cents and the other children an admission of 5 cents each.

He says they were not accompanied by grownups. The society officers desired to have Carmelo identify the person who sold him tickets, but the lad was unable to do so.

Detective Burns, who arrested the picture theatre owners and managers, had with him in Court a padlock fastened to two screw eyes, which he took from the exit door, behind which the children were trampled to death. Burns says the screw-eye which had been attached to the ash was pulled out, but that the other screw-eye was attached to the door when he removed it. The lock and Burns's testimony concerning it will be offered by the prosecution.

When Fire Commissioner Drennan, who has stoutly maintained that the theatre had been regularly inspected and no violations found, was informed concerning the lock, he said:

"If the door was locked that is a matter for criminal prosecution. The Fire Department would never give permission for the door to be locked. One of our firemen inspected the theatre last Friday and found no lock on the door."

It was last Friday that Weinberg & Schwartz, owners of the picture house, took possession of the place.

Although city ordinances and State laws limit the number of attendants in picture houses to the seating capacity of the theatre, it is well substantiated that the Catherine Street place was filled beyond the legal capacity and back spaces and aisles were crowded with standing patrons. Furthermore, in clear violation of the statutes, the larger proportion of the theatre crowd consisted of children under the age of sixteen unaccompanied by parents or guardians.

Another aspect of the case involving the probable violation of law was the transfer of ownership of the picture house. Commissioner Drennan states that the Fire Department was not informed of the change in ownership. It is required by law that whenever a change in ownership or transfer of property occurs that the City License Department shall be promptly notified that a new license be obtained.

Commissioner Drennan says the License Department in turn makes a report of the change in ownership to the Fire Department and a member of the force is assigned to inspect the theatre. In the case of the Catherine Street show house it was pointed out by the Commissioner that no license had been issued to the new owner and that the place was therefore being operated in technical violation of the law.

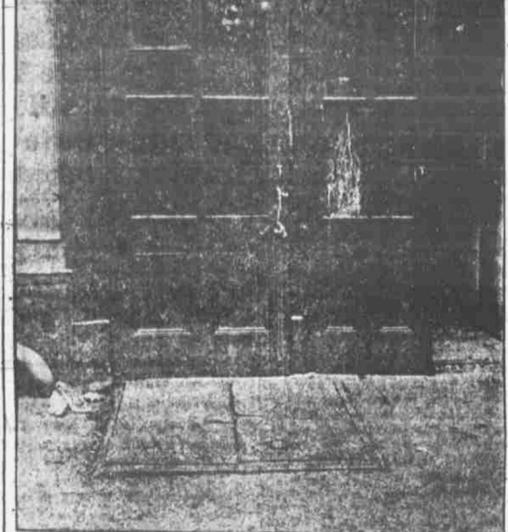
District Attorney Swann, after announcing to-day that if he found the law in reference to the admission of children to moving picture theatres had been violated in the case of the Catherine Street place, his office would prosecute to the limit. He said: "This Catherine Street tragedy is one of the worst that has happened in the city in a long time. We have laws to protect children, but, apparently, no attention was paid to them. The law specifically provides that children shall not attend such places of amusement unless accompanied by guardians, and it was passed by the Legislature to prevent just this sort of thing. But these grasping leeches, unwilling to lose a cent or 10 cent admission fee, apparently played with the lives of children."

It was 4.45 o'clock yesterday when smoke or steam coming from the basement furnace through cracks in the floor caused a woman to shout "Fire!" There was no fire and no danger, but everybody rushed for the doors. The 180 dime seats in the gallery were all filled, mostly by children, and as they piled down the stairs they found the door that should have opened into the street jammed. When it finally was opened the children were piled several feet deep inside, some dead, screaming from fright and pain.

THE DEAD.
ALPINO, EMILIA, thirteen, No. 18 Catherine Street.
COMARAS, PASQUALE, ten, No. 59 Oak Street.

FATHER JOHN'S MEDICINE
Solely for relief of colds and coughs—Advt.

Crime Posters on Movie House Where Six Died in Panic; Blocked Exit Door and Stairs Where Victims Piled Up



EXIT BLOCKED BY TRAPDOOR

Street. THERESA, twelve, No. 37 Olive Street.

LOMBARDI, JOSEPH, two, No. 140 Cherry Street.

MANISCALLO, DOMINIC, two, No. 74 Oliver Street.

RONIOLA, EMANUELE, eleven, No. 21 Monroe Street.

SEVERELY INJURED.

BUENA, MARY, eleven, No. 416 Water Street, at Bellevue Hospital; trampled and suffocated.

DISTOFARNI, NICKY, eleven, No. 116 Cherry Street, at Volunteer Hospital; trampled, suffocated and possibly injured internally.

LANSOLA, THERESA, ten, No. 42 Olive Street, at Bellevue Hospital; suffocated, may die.

LEO, JOSEPH, eight, No. 36 Hamilton Street, at Volunteer Hospital; possibly injured internally.

MANCINI, ANGELINO, three, No. 61 Cherry Street, at Bellevue Hospital; suffocated, may die.

ACCURSO, MARIEN, seven, No. 148 Cherry Street.

STEFANO, STELLA, ten, No. 4 Hamilton Street, at Bellevue Hospital; suffocated, may die.

ARASA, JAMES, ten, No. 139 Cherry Street.

OLIVO, CARNELLO, ten, No. 68 Olive Street.

SEHILLO, MARGARET, eight, No. 48 Cherry Street.

Eleven-year-old Mary Buena, who was trampled upon during the panic and who is in Gouverneur Hospital, will die from her injuries according to this afternoon's report, and that if a Nicola Stephano and Theresa Lansola are in a serious condition in Bellevue Hospital, but physicians this afternoon held out hope for their recovery.

Angelo Mancini, although far from recovery, was strong enough to be removed from Bellevue Hospital to her home to-day. Nicky Distofarni and Joseph Leo, who were taken to Volunteer Hospital following the panic, were removed to their homes this afternoon.

Many parents of the neighborhood said that the place, at least under conditions existing before Friday, always had been called "a dump," that they had warned their children against entering it; that children have entered without guardians, no matter what their age, and that if a child didn't have 10 cents he might be admitted for 7.

Two of those who were killed, Theresa Guidice, of No. 27 Olive Street, and little Dominic Maniscallo, of No. 74 Olive Street, had gone to the theatre together, and unaccompanied. The twelve-year-old girl and her two-year-old charge got separated in the excitement, and afterward her body lay in the drug store near Oak Street and the body of the small boy in the drug store at the corner of Cherry.

Assistant Fire Chief "Smoky Joe" Martin, after he had viewed the theatre, said:

"There were ample exits for every one to get out in safety, and the exits were properly marked, but to have that street door leading from the gallery blocked was in direct violation of the law."

WANT TAXES CUT IN WESTCHESTER

Property Assessments Involving \$20,000,000 Said to Be Excessive and Illegal.

More than one hundred writs of certiorari have been granted to corporations and other tax payers in Westchester County directing assessors to show cause why assessments involving \$20,000,000 should not be reduced on the ground that they are excessive and illegal.

Assistant corporation counsel Smith of Yonkers to-day asked the Supreme Court to appoint referees to take testimony in proceedings. The Board of foreign assessors of the M. E. Church, the Empire City Racing Association, the Ludlow estate, the City of New York and a number of millionaire property holders are among the tax payers who it is claimed are assessed most heavily.

It is said that because of the reconstruction period bring about high cost of materials and wages in the erection of new houses and other structures the assessors increased the assessment value one hundred per cent.

The Masonic Guild, owner of the Masonic Temple in Yonkers contends that it should be exempt from taxation. The City of New York is fighting \$10,000,000 in assessments against reservoirs, water sheds and aqueducts.

TATTOO IS IDENTITY CLUE.

Man Found Dead in Bushes May Have Been Marine.

The police of Elizabeth, N. J., have not yet identified the body of a man found dead on Saturday afternoon in a clump of bushes between the Long Branch Railroad tracks and the high way in Linden, a suburb of Elizabeth. The victim had been shot through the head, and as no weapon was found near the body the police are sure it was not suicide.

In a pocket of the dead man was found a card bearing the name of Augustine P. McSannara. On one arm were tattooed the figure of a woman, the name "Mary K. Leddy," the initials "M. L." and the insignia of the United States Marine Corps. The hat had a Los Angeles label.

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For Monday, Nov. 15th For Tuesday, Nov. 16th CHOCOLATE WALNUT TOPS... MARASCHINO CHERRY CREAM... These are big morsels of richly spiced, chocolate flavored sugar cream, enveloped in coverings of our cancelled fragrant, velvety cream-late and topped off with big, plump, tasty Walnuts. As a special this is a world heater. SPECIAL POUND BOX 24c

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NEAR DEAD IN AUTO SMASH, ASSERTS HE VISITED HEAVEN OF BRINDELL 'UNION'

Prominent Syracuse, Doctor Says He Met There Wife Who Was Killed.

SYRACUSE, Nov. 15.—A glimpse into heaven, a conversation with St. Peter and a sight of the throne from which God presides were described to the congregation of the Furman Street Methodist Episcopal Church last night by Dr. Howard G. Case, prominent Syracuse physician and member of the staff of the Syracuse University College of Medicine.

Dr. Case was telling of his experience in a recent automobile wreck in this city when his car overturned, killing his wife and injuring a girl. With his chest crushed, Dr. Case lingered between life and death for several weeks in a local hospital. He has recently left that institution.

"I looked at my wife underneath the wreck and she seemed to be happy. Her face fairly glowed with joy. We both turned around and then saw a man with long white hair and whiskers, and in the distance a golden city.

"The man said the world was getting more wicked all the time. There was one spot in the centre of the golden city which seemed to shine brighter than the rest. He said that was where God has his throne. Then a vast number of voices began to sing. After the singing stopped clouds appeared and my wife was separated from me and also from the beautiful surroundings.

"It is a comfort and a blessing to

CALLS ON GOMPERS TO HALT ACTIVITIES OF BRINDELL 'UNION'

Zaranko Says Persecution Has Grown Worse Since Exposure of Grafting.

William Zaranko, President of House Wreckers' Union Local No. 95, made public to-day a letter of renewed appeal to Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, with which Local No. 95 is affiliated.

He refers to the article in The Evening World on Nov. 11, in which it was directly charged that the bitterness and resentment aroused by the treatment of Local No. 95 by Robert P. Brindell, President of the Building Trades Council, was the cause of the Wall Street explosion of Sept. 16, in which forty lives were lost.

Zaranko in his letter states that the revelations regarding Brindell's methods of controlling the building trades by organizing an outlaw union of house wreckers to crush out the hardships the members of the old union have endured and that they are still kept away from jobs.

The letter written by Mr. Zaranko is as follows:

"House Wreckers' Union, Local 95, know where I left my wife. In the vision the man beside me told me that my wife had just been killed in an auto accident. He said she had been taken away from me because I had been too extravagant with her. He told me the world was too full of suffering and poverty for people to think of anything but spending money.

affiliated with the International Hod Carriers' Building and Common Laborers' Union of America, the American Federation of Labor, its building trades department, as well as local and district labor bodies, and in good standing, financially and otherwise, in all of the bodies in which it holds membership, desires to place the following facts and records before the organizations of American workers.

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CHARGES COP BEAT HIM UP.

Patrolman Walter A. James of the East 21st Street Station, was held in \$500 bail in Yorkville Court to-day for trial in Special Sessions on complaint of Joseph H. Gavin, helper in the restaurant at No. 68 Third Avenue, who said James, dressed in plain clothes, entered the restaurant at 12:30 A. M., Nov. 3, and beat him up without provocation.

The policeman produced four officers from his station who swore he had been on reserve duty in the station at that night. They were Capt. Kuhns, Lieut. Rolly, Sergt. Ryan and Corp. Logan.



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