

FIVE FIRES DRIVE SCORES FROM BED INTO COLDEST NIGHT

Policemen Rescue Mothers and Babies—Smoke Routs Out St. Regis Hotel Patrons.

Five fires early to-day, one in the St. Regis Hotel, drove the scantily-clad occupants of these buildings into the worst cold of the winter. In two of the blazing mothers and their babies were saved from probable death by policemen.

The fire at the St. Regis, 53d Street and Fifth Avenue, was confined to the engine room, where it was discovered by Frank Killin, night time-keeper, but the smoke filled the elevator shafts and frightened occupants out of nearly every room. Only one guest refused to return to her chamber when assured the blaze was slight. She was Mrs. Joseph Citron, who said a previous experience in a hotel fire had made her so nervous she wanted to be sure there was no danger before she went upstairs.

Mrs. Kathleen Snyder, known as Kathleen Harding, Secretary of the Metropolitan Opera House ballet school, was found half frozen on the roof of her home at No. 134 Montague Street, Brooklyn, by Patrolman Edmund Hennely, after she had been forced there by the smoke which filled the house at 4 o'clock this morning. Her eighteen-months-old daughter, Margaret Rose, taken by Miss Ella Schloeder, who lives in the same house, was rescued with Miss Schloeder by Patrolmen Collins and McKee as they were groping down the stairs. The blaze, which was only a slight one, drove the occupants of the house into a florist shop next door.

Patrolmen Harry Gronan and Edward Mullen rescued Mrs. Anna Katz and her three-days-old baby at 3 o'clock this morning when a fire in the basement of their home at No. 164 Eighth Avenue caught them in bed on the second floor. The policemen wrapped the mother and babe in their overcoats and carried them to the street, whence they were taken to the New York Hospital.

Twenty other occupants of the building reached the street without help. Several firemen were overcome by smoke, one of them being "Soldier" Kearns, the former pugilist, who had to be treated by a surgeon. The fire caused \$2,500 damage. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Browning, their

two children and the servants were driven from their home on the twelfth floor of No. 35 West 51st Street at the same hour when a fire started in the children's playroom. The blaze was quickly extinguished. One million dollars' worth of paintings were imperiled shortly after midnight when fire broke out in the hallway of No. 116 E. 55th Street and swept against the studio door of Stephen S. Pichetto, an art dealer. The flames, which were confined to the hallway and stairs, however, did not enter the studio. The pictures belong to Duveen Brothers and Carl W. Hamilton, who, according to Mr. Pichetto, value them at \$1,000,000.

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