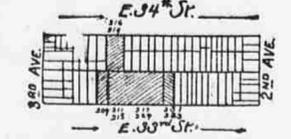


FIRE ATE ACROSS A BLOCK.

HOSPITAL, HOTEL, AND TENEMENT QUIET-FACILITY BURNED.

25 Patients of the Polytechnic Carried out Safely—Policemen Coax, Drive, and Carry Tenement Dwellers into the Street—26 Families Homeless—Loss \$400,000.

In a single hour yesterday morning fire swept across the middle of the block on the north side of Thirty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, destroying a large factory building and gutting a tenement house, a hotel, and the New York Polytechnic hospital. The fire started on the second floor; but persons living across the street say that the fire began on the ground floor and was all through the building in a very few minutes. It was a little after 9 o'clock when the alarm was sent in, and by the time the first of the firemen were on the scene the burning had spread to the fire factory building, stretching from 211 to 229, was concerned. The fire ran up the seven-story brick



THE BLOCK CROSSED BY THE FIRE. (Shaded section indicates the buildings involved.)

walls as the fire from a match ran up a slip of paper, and the flames building roared into flame as if it were built for no other purpose than to furnish a Christmas spectacle to the awakening city. Within a few minutes there was a crowd of spectators that choked the street, up to the point where the heat was too great for comfort. Capt. Martens of the East Thirty-fifth street station, with Sergeant Fagan and thirty men, was on hand, but had no time to keep back the crowd, because there was other more pressing work to do. It was evident that the tenement at 229 was going, and here to where the danger lay, for it was filled with tenants, many of whom were women and children. With a force of ten men behind him Sergeant Fagan led the way into the building.

"Go through every room and get out everybody," was his order, and the men did so as fast as they could. There's no time for them to get into their clothes.

For ten minutes the halls of the flat were full of policemen hauling or pushing frightened men, urine on half-dressed women, and carrying children, two or three at a time, in their arms and on their backs. One of the men, Gottfried, who lives on the ground floor, had heard the crackling of flames when the fire first broke out and had given the alarm to those on his own floor and the next, but the three upper stories didn't awake to the danger until the policemen came. It was then that the fire broke out on the second floor. Sergeant Fagan found a German woman fast asleep, who on being awakened shrieked and refused to get up. It ended by the sergeant carrying her into the hallway and turning her over to a policeman, who carried her out, down her stairs, and then she was taken away to the room on the chance of any one else being there, which was a wise precaution, for in a dim corner he found two children sleeping in a crib, and these he carried down stairs to the frantic mother, who was trying to get back into the building. On the top floor Policeman McDonald found a woman who had been fast asleep, but not too stupified to put up a vicious resistance when the policeman attempted to get her to leave the room. In vain did McDonald try to drag him. He clung to the bedstead and wouldn't let go. Time was particularly valuable on the faces of the officers, for the fire was spreading by this time, and the smoke was filling the room. He pointed them out of the room, and the woman, who had been fast asleep, ran to the door, and the policeman seized her by the shoulders and out in the hall, where she was taken care of by another policeman. The fire was thick with smoke, and flames were being driven from the ceiling, and the blazing furnace that had been 211. Cries from a front room were heard, and a young girl broke in the door and found a young girl running about the room as if dazed. Hardly had she got her out of the room when she began to cry.

"My sister! My sister! She'll be burned!"

"At the same time," he heard her cry, "Go back!"

"Don't jump," she cried, "I'll get up through the roof, and discovered another girl climbing over the railing. The policeman seized her and dragged her back into the hall, where she was the work of a very few seconds, but it was too late. The girl had been fast asleep, and the fire had reached her. The girl was taken to the hospital, and the fire was extinguished. The fire started clear down to 229 was a blaze, and the firemen were on hand, and the fire was extinguished. The fire started clear down to 229 was a blaze, and the firemen were on hand, and the fire was extinguished. The fire started clear down to 229 was a blaze, and the firemen were on hand, and the fire was extinguished.

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FIRE IN ANOTHER HOSPITAL.

Little Patients in St. John's Gaid Get Ready for Removal.

An odor of burning wood seriously alarmed the matron and staff of St. John's Gaid Free Hospital for Children at 155 West Sixty-third street yesterday afternoon. There were more than thirty patients in the building, and the more inaccessible of them were removed to the fire escape, and the matron and staff were busy in saving the entire block from going. Central office detectives were at work yesterday tracing rumors of incendiarism.

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Mrs. Frank P. Ryan Killed by Fire at Her Home.

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QUEEN LIL PASSES BY.

She Says with Respectful Emphasis That She's Not Going to Meet Cleveland.

Mrs. John Dolan, better known perhaps as Lilokalani, the dethroned Queen of the Hawaiian Islands, passed through New York yesterday on her way from San Francisco to Boston. She arrived in Jersey City on the afternoon of the 24th, and was met by a large number of admirers. She is now on her way to Boston, where she will be staying for some time. She has been very popular in New York, and her visit has attracted a great deal of attention.

FIRE IN AN ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Stirred by a Child Who Was Fanning a Gas Jet with Her Apron.

A slight fire was discovered in the Brooklyn Orphan Asylum at Atlantic and Kingston avenues at 6 o'clock last evening, and while the alarm was being rung, the fire had spread to a considerable extent among the 325 children in the institution. The fire was caused by a child who was fanning a gas jet with her apron. The fire was extinguished, and the children were safely removed to other parts of the building. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

WILKESBARRE CHURCH BURNED.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Destroyed Early on Christmas Morning.

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FIREMAN STRUCK INJURED.

A Horse Carriage Hit by the Rear of a Trolley Car Collides with It.

Late on Christmas eve the Columbia Horse Company of Union Hill was called out to a small fire in the residence of John Guack, at Union place and Hudson Boulevard in that town. While going down Broadway avenue some of the firemen who were pulling the apparatus fastened the ropes to the rear of a trolley car of the North Hudson County Railway. The trolley car was moving in the same direction as the horse carriage, and the two collided. The fireman was injured, and the horse carriage was damaged. The trolley car was stopped, and the fire was extinguished.

COLLEGE BOYS INDIGNANT.

They Complain Because a Policeman Tried to Make Them Keep Quiet Last Night.

Fifty or more students of the New York University Law and Medical schools accepted the invitation of the management of the Commercial Travellers' Fair to attend the show at Madison Square Garden on Christmas evening.

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John D. Townsend, the lawyer, died suddenly last night at a Christmas dinner party at the home of Henry A. Brown, 337 West Thirty-third street, three doors away from his own home. The death was a surprise to all who were present at the party. Townsend was a well-known lawyer, and he had been practicing law for many years. He was one of the best lawyers in New York, and he was highly respected by his colleagues. His death is a great loss to the legal profession.

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