

DYNAMITE SCOW IN FLAMES

UNDER CENTRAL BRIDGE WITH 500 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVE.

Watchman Started Pumps and Heaved the Sticks Overboard Till Fire Drove Him Away—Detonating Caps Scared the Crowd—Engineers Are Heavy Losers.

The drill scow Hudson, which was owned by the United States Government, with nearly five hundred pounds of dynamite on board, was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning at 155th street and the Harlem River, where the channel is being widened. The Hudson was brought here under the command of Engineers J. B. Sandy, Jr., William Preston and a crew of twelve men.

The scow, which was eighty feet long, was moored almost under the draw of the Central Bridge. All the crew except Abraham C. Quinn of 691 East 137th street, the watchman, went ashore on Friday night, leaving everything all right. Quinn made his rounds over the scow every hour until 1:20 o'clock in the morning, when he discovered the fire in the engine room. He opened all the sea cocks, and then started to work the donkey engine, thinking that he might be able to get the fire under control, but the flames spread rapidly, and in a few minutes the whole superstructure of the Hudson was ablaze.

Quinn knew that flames are not apt to set off dynamite, so he threw as much of it overboard as he could, and when the fire got too hot for him he left the scow by climbing up a ladder to the draw of the bridge. The only way the crew had of getting on and off. When Quinn told the bridge-tenders and the police that there were several hundred pounds of dynamite on the scow traffic on the bridge was suspended. All the engines available in that part of the city were rushed to the scene, and the firemen fought the blaze from the centre of the bridge.

The detonating caps which are used to explode the dynamite were stowed away in the forward part of the scow, several yards away from the explosive, and the firemen were told that the danger of an explosion was only slight. The scow drifted down about 100 feet from where she was moored and burned to the water's edge. During the fire there were a number of small explosions caused by the caps, and every time one of these went off the crowd which had gathered from a dance hall at 155th street and Eighth avenue made a rush to get out of the way. A number of valuable instruments, the property of the engineers, were destroyed.

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE B. R. T. President Winter Tells Brooklyn Leaguers How Much Money Has Been Spent.

Twenty members of the Brooklyn League took a trip in a special car over a system of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company yesterday to ascertain what improvements had been made and are being made to increase the street car service in that borough. President Winter of the B. R. T. furnished the investigators with a memorandum of the work done and under way. It was as follows:

This record covers the period between July 1, 1902, and January 28, 1906. There was expended during this time, for additions and improvements on the B. R. T. more than \$10,835,000. The list enclosed is an exact copy of a portion of a general memorandum statement made up within the last two weeks for my own files.

Of the sum thus expended, \$8,623,000 has gone for car equipment alone. There are now under way, authorized and uncompleted, additions and improvements aggregating approximately \$2,212,000.

A few of the more important items making up this last amount are distributed as follows: New elevated shops and station at Thirty-sixth street, \$250,000; Elevating and depressing tracks, Brighton Beach line, \$500,000; Automatic signals on elevated roads, \$500,000; Elevated shops and storage yards at East New York, \$175,000; Car storage depot and shops at Ninth avenue and Twentieth street, \$350,000; Storage yard, shops and changes at Third and Wood L. terminal, reconstruction, \$150,000; Carriage repair shop, reconstruction, \$750,000; Track reconstruction, elevated and surface line, \$1,400,000; Williamsburg power station, which when completed will have normal capacity of 15,000 horse power, \$2,000,000; Completion of fifteen sub-stations, \$750,000; Completion of subway and trolley system, \$600,000; Elevating and surface car equipment, now contracted for and under way, \$1,200,000.

The following substations have been constructed and placed in operation at a total expense of \$1,000,000: Parkville, Halscy street, Essex street, Tompkins avenue, Southern, Bridge, Coney Island and Myrtle avenue. The following substations are now under construction at an estimated cost of \$566,000: New Utrecht, Hudson avenue, Richmond Hill, Prospect Park, Corona, Canarsie and Lexington avenues. It may be of interest to know that the policy which has directed this expenditure for improvement of transit in Brooklyn will be continued on lines already pretty well determined, subject always, however, to those conditions to which business propositions of this character are peculiarly amenable.

BLIND BILLY'S DISASTER. Old Circus Clown's Newstand Near Police Headquarters Burned Up.

Stern Brothers

Are Now Showing Advance Importations of Spring Dress Goods

Consisting of Mixed Effects in Cheviots, Tweeds and White Serges for Tailor Gowns, Light Weight Sheer Fabrics, Silk and Wool and All Wool Materials in Plain Stripes and Check Designs in Exclusive Colorings.

Also To-morrow An Important Offering of 7000 Yds. 44 inch Imported Silk and Wool Crepe in street and evening shades, including cream & white, at 59c Regular Price \$1.50 Yd.

To-morrow, Exceptional Sale of Black Taffeta Silks

4600 Yds. 36 inches wide, at 78c Regular Price \$1.10 Yd.

also 3500 Yds. Printed Foulards, Navy Blue and White, Black and White, Neat Figures and Polka Dot, at 55c Value 75c. to \$1.00 Yd.

Misses' & Girls' Apparel New Spring Models

Misses' Suits, Eton Model, of Panama cloth in all the new spring shades, 14 & 16 yrs., at \$19.75; Girls' Three Quarter Coats, blue and red Cheviots, also tan covert cloths, nicely tailored, 4 to 14 yrs., at 6.95; Girls' Wash Dresses, colored and fancy ginghams, white linen, pique and lawn, 4 to 14 yrs., at \$1.98, 2.95; Girls' Shirt Waist Gimpes, of white lawn, clusters of tucks and insertions, 4 to 14 yrs., at 59c

Special Values in Linen, Cotton and Silk Mixed Materials

3500 Yds. Vellings and Mulls in a large variety of checks and Dresden Floral Designs, at 14c; 11700 Yds. Embroidered Silk Dot Chiffon Finish Mulls and 36 inch Union Linen, summer weight, all colors, at 16c; 4300 Yds. White Pure Linen, 36 in. wide and French Union Linen, 48 in. wide, special finish, for waists and suits, at 29c

Wash Suits for Boys Annual February Advance Sale.

Russian and Sailor Suits, of duck drill, linens & chambrays, Usual Price \$2.50 to 3.75, \$1.95; of Fine Imported Fabrics, New Models, in Sailor Eton and Cadet Collar Styles, Usual Price \$3.50 to 4.50, 2.45; Boys' Washable Blouses and Shirts, Laundered Blouses with or without collar, Usually 95c to \$1.25, 58c; Youths' Neglige and Dress Shirts, 95c to \$1.45, 75c; Boys' Madras Pajamas, 95c to \$1.45, 69c

Oriental Rugs—Decided Reductions Unusually Choice Colors and Designs

Ghoeravan Carpets: 9x12ft. \$124.00 Formerly \$195.00; 9ft. 5x13ft. 142.00 " 235.00; 10ft. 7x13ft. 6, 177.00 " 275.00; OTHER SIZES AT PROPORTIONATELY LOW PRICES; 35 Afghan Carpets, \$73.50 Extra quality and soft colors, average size 7 ft. 3 x 10 ft. Regular Value \$85.00 to \$125.00

West Twenty-third Street

MURDERED SYRIAN BURIED. Bishop Stefan Conducts Maronite Funeral Service Over His Brother.

The funeral of John Stefan, the brother of the Maronite Bishop, Kiral, Stefan, who was killed on Wednesday night in the battle among the Syrians, was held yesterday afternoon. Most of the Syrians of Washington and Greenwich streets were out of doors at the time of the funeral. It was the most notable event in the history of the colony and groups of men and women who were not taking part in the funeral stood on the sidewalk while the carriages passed.

Many of the observers scanned earnestly the faces of those in the carriages. It was said that they were making sure of the partisans of Bishop Stefan. It is generally believed among the Syrians that the warfare is likely to break out again at the first favorable opportunity. There were seventy-four carriages. Mooney, the Greenwich street undertaker, said that he had on his hands the biggest affair that has occurred in the First ward since the death of Police Commissioner Michael C. Murphy. He had trouble in getting enough carriages for the Syrians. The funeral started from the home of the deceased, at 205 Hicks street, Brooklyn, and stopped in front of St. Joseph's Maronite chapel, at 81 1/2 Washington street. There had been a report that some shooting by the factions might occur at the funeral, so Capt. McNally of the Church of St. Patrick's Cathedral was present. Policemen guarded the door leading to the chapel upstairs.

After the services in the chapel the funeral started for Calvary Cemetery by way of the Williamsburg bridge. As a matter of precaution policemen were detailed to ride on the box of about a dozen coaches. They went as far as the Williamsburg bridge and were then relieved by Brooklyn men detailed by Inspector Nally. Nothing happened.

82-Year-Old Flower Girl Dead. Mrs. Catherine Leigh, an eighty-two-year-old flower girl, died at her home, 209 Bloomfield street, Hoboken, on Friday. She made the rounds of the halls selling nosegays at receptions and balls for over half a century.

H.O'Neill & Co.

The New Suits for Women Are More Attractive Than Ever Before (Third Floor.)

New Panama Suits—Eton Models—all colors \$29.75; New Panama Frill Coat Suits—plaids and plain colors \$35.00; New English Worsted Coat Suits—various indefinite plaids \$37.50; Special—Pony Coat Suits—checks and mixtures—new skirts \$16.50

Women's Furs & Fur Garments To Go for Half (Third Floor.)

\$50.00 Fur-lined Coats \$25.00; \$65.00 Fur-lined Coats \$35.00; \$100.00 Squirrel Coats \$50.00; \$25.00 Ermine Scarfs \$12.00; \$20.00 Alaska Sable Scarfs \$8.75; \$5.00 Squirrel Scarfs \$1.95; And many other Fine Furs all marked at One-Half Regular Prices to Close.

The New Skirts Are Here At \$5.00 to \$20.00 Each.

\$22.50 Net Waists at \$14.75. (Third Floor.)

These elegant Waists for women have bodice and sleeves of accordion pleating, trimmed with Val. lace, elaborate yoke front and back of lace edge and medallions, deep cuff of rows and rows of Val. edge. A regular \$22.50 waist at \$14.75

Also the Following Specials: 20 dozen PIQUE WAISTS—nicely tailored Value \$1 25 each. Special at 98c; BLACK BRILLIANTINE WAISTS—front of box pleating, tucking and hemstitching. Value \$3 98, at \$1.98; 300 ALL-WOOL ALBATROSS WAISTS—lace-trimmed yoke tucked bodice, button back; all colors. Value \$2.95 each. Special at \$1.00; 25 dozen WAISTS OF IMPORTED MADRAS AND STRIPED AND FIGURED MOMIE CLOTH—button front or back—Sizes 34 to 44. Value \$2.50 each at \$1.48; NUN'S VEILING WAISTS—Shirt style—women's and misses' sizes, in red, navy, rose la and black; suitable for house, street or school wear. Value \$2.98—at \$1.98

French Hand Made UNDERMUSLINS Underpriced for Monday (Second Floor.)

DRAWERS—Of French Nainsook, neat embroidered scallops, all sizes at \$1.50; DRAWERS—With embroidered scallop ruffe, slashed at sides, bow knot and spray designs, ribbon bow, at \$2.98; PETTICOATS—Of French nainsook with large embroidered scalloped flounce, extra dnt ruffe, all lengths, at \$3.50; CORSET COVERS—Nainsook, with neat embroidered edge, spray and floral design at yoke. Embroidered eyelet, ribbon drawn, all sizes, at \$2.95; CHEMISE—Of nainsook, yokes with pretty embroidered design, finished with embroidered scallops, at \$1.50; CHEMISE—Bow knot, spray and forget-me-not design, embroidered eyelets, ribbon drawn, at \$2.98; GOWNS—Chemise style, embroidered scallops and eyelets, drawn work and floral design, finished with ribbon; flare short sleeve, at \$2.98

Sixth Ave., 20th to 21st St., N. Y.

H.O'Neill & Co.

Important Sale of WOOL DRESS GOODS Monday, February 5th.

We place on sale Monday morning a very extensive purchase of high-grade Mohair Suitings and Panama Cloths, in mixtures, checks and plaids.

Regular Value \$1.00 and \$1.25 Per Yard. 69c (Over 400 pieces in the lot, making one of the finest collections and an offering of the best values that we have ever advertised. NOTE.—All this season's stylish weaves offered at per yard.) 69c

We also direct attention to the very complete lines of spring dress goods now on exhibition. You will find here the finest and most stylish high-grade fabrics that can be procured abroad, as well as every weave of note that the home market can produce. This showing will present to you one vast assortment of up-to-date high-grade merchandise.

In WHITE and CREAM DRESS MATERIALS we procured the correct weaves last September and shall offer now the popular style fabrics at the old prices, notwithstanding the many recent advances in wool—Series Cheviots, Panama Cloth, Vellings and Silk and Wool weaves. Special in Black Dress Goods 100 pieces BLACK PANAMA CLOTH and CREMCH 69c VEILING; at per yard

Silk Department Two Special Values in Black Dress Taffeta.

75c quality BLACK DRESS TAFFETA—guaranteed to wear; special, per yard 49c; \$1.00 quality PURE DYE DRESS TAFFETA—also for Automobile Coats; special, per yard 69c; 3,700 Yards Colored Satin Liberty, In evening shades; also white, ivory, cream and black; all pure silk. Regular value 65c per yard, at 39c

We are showing a complete line of the latest colorings in RAJAH SILKS and IMPORTED SHANTUNG in natural color; also domestic DRESS PONGEES in all the popular shades.

Unusual Values in WHITE GOODS

3,250 Yards WHITE INDIA LINON, 32 inches wide, value 25c and 30c per yard, at 14c and 17c; 2,500 Yards SATIN STRIPE AND JAQUARD FIGURED MADRAS, at 22c

Bed Comfortables Fancy figured Silko'ene tops, large size, tufted, white laminated cotton filling. Value \$2.50 each, at \$1.88

An Important Sale in Lace Department Beginning Monday, February 5th.

Several Large Lots of New and Desirable Laces, Allovers, Insertions, Galloons, etc. and Lace and Spangled Robes, (semi-made) All Marked Much Below Regular Prices

On Special Bargain Counters. 50,000 Yards Black, White, Cream and Colored Laces, Edgings, Galloons and Insertions, in silk, cotton and hand-made wool effects. At 5c., 10c., 15c., 25c., 50c. Per Yrd. Original Prices Were 25c. to \$1.50.

Sixth Ave., 20th to 21st St., N. Y.

Have Them Made to Order From the very best imported materials. The stocks of the well known, high class merchant tailors, J. H. Miller & Co. of 816 Broadway, and Tredwell, Schneider & Thomas, 62-64 Chambers St., Stewart Building. We offer this fall and winter's stock, including last spring and summer styles. Suit to order, \$20. Trousers, \$5. Handsome Silk Vestings, \$5. Overcoats, \$25.

Sale on second floor.

ARNHEIM, Broadway & Ninth Street.

Fire Damages P. S. Ross's Home. NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 3.—The first two floors of the home of P. Sanford Ross, the railroad contractor, at Alpine street and Johnson avenue, were practically gutted by fire to-night. Many valuable paintings were consumed with the furniture and bric-a-brac. The fire was caused by a heater. Mr. Ross can give no estimate of his loss.

WANT NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT. Westchester Bar Votes to Support the Bills in the Legislature.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Nearly a hundred lawyers attended a special meeting of the Westchester Bar Association, held in the county court house at White Plains today, for the purpose of taking action on the bill introduced in the Legislature by Senator Francis M. Carpenter and Assemblyman J. Mayhew Wainwright to divide the Second Judicial district and create the new Ninth district, consisting of the counties of Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Dutchess and Orange. Assemblyman Wainwright, who is president of the Bar Association, presided. It developed early in the meeting that the Democratic lawyers were opposed to the measure.

D. Wiley Travis, who said he was the oldest member of the Westchester bar and had travelled to Brooklyn for sixty years to try cases, then offered a resolution indorsing the bill. He said that the Hudson River judges, with their growing population, were large enough to constitute a judicial district of their own. "I do not want to see the next generation of Westchester lawyers," said he, "compelled to travel to Brooklyn as I have done. After a three hours debate the lawyers adopted the resolution by a vote of 55 to 18.

Dies in Theatre Lobby. Charles A. Crosby, 57 years old, an insurance agent who lived at 20 Monticello avenue, Jersey City, was stricken with heart disease yesterday afternoon in the foyer of the Bon Ton Theatre, that city. He fell while waiting in line to buy a ticket and died before a physician arrived.

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CENTRAL ACQUIRES TROLLEYS. The Last Link in a System Extending From Schenectady to Niagara Falls.

UTICA, Feb. 3.—By the purchase of the trolley lines of Rochester by the Mohawk Valley Company, the holding corporation, which includes the Utica and Mohawk Valley Railway among its properties, and which sale involved an expenditure of \$10,000,000, the last link in a system of electric lines extending from Schenectady to Niagara Falls is acquired by the Vanderbilt interests. It is the plan of the company, which has obtained control of the trolley lines in Schenectady, Utica, Syracuse and Rochester, to connect these lines by using rights of way at several points now owned and operated by the New York Central.