

SAWED THEIR WAY TO CAMPION'S BODY

Watchman's Hand Clutched Steel Bars That Imprisoned Him in Equitable Fire.

CROWDS GAZE AT RUINS

Henry B. Hyde's Picture in Board Room, Like His Statue in Lobby, Found Intact.

Sunday crowds thronged to lower Broadway yesterday afternoon to catch a glimpse of the ice-crusted Equitable Building before a thaw should spoil the spectacle. They saw that behind a wooden screen men were working to free the body of William Campion, the Mercantile Safe Deposit watchman, which for over five days has been buried in the ruins behind the iron grill on Broadway near Cedar street.

Men from the Canavan Bros. Company under the direction of Building Inspector Charles Judge began early in the morning to dig away the ice. Fifteen feet of ice and half as deep, they stood in front of that same grill from which William Campion, the president of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company, was rescued the day of the fire. Shortly after noon they uncovered the two inch steel bars behind which Watchman Campion had been crushed to death.

They began at once to cut the bars with an acetylene gas flame, and when that gave out they finished the work with black saws. After they had removed a section of the grill they found it necessary to tunnel the ice-crusted body from the debris which surrounded it.

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While the customer dined two waiters stood behind his chair making bets as to whether his refusal of wine was due to teetotalism or parsimony.

"Wait till he finishes eating," said the one who had served the meal, "and I'll find out."

The dinner concluded, he pronounced his verdict.

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After the merits of the missions had been presented and discussed Mr. Rits continued:

"This \$25 comes from a man who doesn't make much more than you reporters do, but he's been hungry on cold nights and remembers the sensation. I've had a lot of these small sums to distribute since the cold spell began, and nearly every giver was moved by memory of an experience."

NINE YEAR OLD PREACHES.

Delivers a Twenty Minute Sermon at Loretto Mission Cantata Service.

The annual Christmas cantata last evening at the Mission of Our Lady of Loretto, 30 Elizabeth street, was sung almost entirely by children. The Loretto choir of the sopranos, which so delighted Mary Anderson, sang Harker's "The Star of Bethlehem." Four grown up voices, organ and an orchestra of strings helped them.

The children were dressed in the costume of shepherds of olden times and marched solemnly down the aisle to the altar to their places. The little tot in a white sheepskin ahead. Then two choir boys brought forward a pulpit and lifted it up. It was a miniature pulpit, and the little tot, nine years old, stepped up and preached a twenty minute sermon. This is the seventh year that Father Walsh has drilled his boys.

"They are really musical," he said. "And little Capizza, he is a real preacher." A large audience was on hand.

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LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

It was common knowledge that at 12 o'clock noon the wealthy brewer called in all the poor men in the neighborhood who warmed themselves over store and factory grates and made them small presents of food, clothing or money. The brewery grates alone possessed no occupants.

"We don't dare stand there on account of the fumes," said one unfortunate who had been requested to vacate the grate making a grating. "I won't give to anybody who smells beery."

At nightfall the junior partner's exultation of the day changed to chagrin and he clamored noisily for the errand boy's dismissal.

"Better think it over," the senior partner advised.

"Why waste time in thinking," the junior retorted, "when he's got to go? Here I am, lying awake every night for a week planning an effective window decoration, which is turned into a laughing stock the first day by the stupidity of that boy, who leaves three yards of blue woolen dust rag draped around silver tankards and trays of diamonds."

"Well," said the elder jeweler, "people stopped and looked, didn't they?"

"That's what I advise you to keep the boy," advised the senior mildly. "If it hadn't been for him I am afraid nobody would have looked at all."

Forever buried in the ruins at 120 Broadway is the once famous "whispering gallery," which was said a decade and more ago to have served well its purpose in the dining room which Henry B. Hyde made a part of his private suite when the Equitable Building was erected.

According to the story which was always believed at Albany many a member of the Legislature visited that dining room only to discover later that a stenographic record of his suggestions, proposals and veiled threats as to insurance legislation was in existence. The explanation which finally came to be accepted was that a careful eavesdropper in the private dining room carried the most intimate conversations over coffee and cigars far away to a niche where sat the stenographer.

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TO MAKE FARMER BOYS.

Mayor Gaynor Interested in Latest Move Along That Line.

Mayor Gaynor, Robert W. De Forest and President Brown of the New York Central Railroad have consented to launch a new movement to make agricultural experts out of boys who are on the job every day. A conference on Agricultural Education for Dependent and Delinquent Boys is the name of the meetings that are to be held at the Hotel Chelsea on January 26 and 27 under the auspices of the New York Child Welfare Committee.

With Mr. De Forest presiding, Mayor Gaynor and the other speakers are to help devise ways and means of getting city boys into the country and turning them into real farmers. The method of accomplishing this result is to be determined by the representatives of the leading agricultural institutions, including the colleges of agriculture of Cornell, Amherst and Columbia.

TWO OF HER BABIES ARE DEAD OF COLD

One in Hospital Will Get Well - Two Are Left to the Mother.

RICE FAMILY'S SUFFERING

Police, Told That They Were Striving and Cold, Provide Food and Coal for Them.

A girl about 7 years old playing in front of 511 East Twenty-third street yesterday afternoon and passed into service as a guide by one seeking Mrs. Catherine Rice volunteered the information that she was Mary Rice.

"Katie's in there," she added, pointing to an undertaker's shop a door or two away. "She's dead, you know. Did you come from the hospital? How are Johnnie and Michael? Will they come home to-night?"

The thin faced child, who talked and carried herself as one several years older, led the way through a narrow hall, out into a rear court yard and across to a rear tenement, then two several flights of stairs and into a two room apartment.

"That's mother," she said, indicating an old looking young woman crouched in a low chair with a two weeks old baby on a pillow in her lap. John Rice, the husband, sat close by the mother.

The Ricess are Christian Poles Rice being an adaptation of their name easier for American tongues. Some one in the building told a policeman Saturday that the children were dying of cold and hunger.

The policeman found one of the children, a 7 1/2 year old girl, lying dead in the tiny bedroom. Johnnie, 5 years old, was taken to Bellevue, but died at 9 o'clock Saturday night, of pneumonia. Michael, 6 years old, was taken to the hospital too, threatened with pneumonia. The physician thought treatment had been begun in his case in time and that he would be able to go home in a few days. The policeman got food and coal for the family.

John Rice has been in this country seven years. His wife, who was married before she came to this country, is 27 years old. The three children are by the former husband. Rice is a mason's helper. He worked steadily until a year ago, the neighbors say, and then was laid off. He could get no work all spring and summer. With the coming of winter it was hopeless to try to get work in his line. Two months ago he got a place as porter in a saloon at Twenty-eighth street and Fourth avenue. There he gets \$10 a week and his meals while he is at the saloon.

Two weeks ago, Johnnie was born. Rice paid the midwife \$5 and promised the other \$5 as soon as he could get it together. Johnnie and Michael and Katie came down with colds and died. There was no food in the house, as well as a neighbor who changed in and acted as interpreter, said yesterday that there was always fire in the stove, though sometimes it was out. There was no coal, and the bread and milk were all right.

Rice went out Saturday morning and asked a woman doctor in Fourteenth street to come right down and see the sick children. The woman doctor came a little later in the day, but she said that Katie was dead. Then the policeman came and the woman doctor took the other two children away.

"Of my five babies only two left," Mrs. Rice said yesterday. She was assured that one of the children would be returned all right from the hospital in a day or two. She shook her head and said "Long time, maybe."

Here said yesterday that she would get the midwife paid soon, but he must first pay the \$9 rent due last week. Meanwhile he had to bury Katie and Johnnie and the baby is coughing a good deal and they must have food and coal.

SICK WITH BABY WHO DIED.

Homeless in the Cold, Woman Was Taken In at Old Hotel Vanderbilt.

When the temperature was 8 degrees above zero on Saturday afternoon a woman carrying a five-week-old baby appeared at the Hotel Vanderbilt, Lexington avenue and Forty-second street, and got permission to warm herself and the child beside a radiator. She unwrapped the baby, which was well swaddled, and sat with it in the women's parlor for an hour. Most of the time the baby cried.

Then the woman said she had better take a room for the night as the weather was getting so warm, and she knew nothing else to do. She got to the room yesterday morning she told a bellboy that the baby was pretty sick and she asked for a doctor. An ambulance surgeon from Flower Hospital found that the baby was dead and probably had been dead for about six hours. He wrote down the cause as "exposure" and took the woman to Bellevue Hospital, for she had erysipelas and was suffering acutely.

The baby's name, she said, was Harold F. Williams. The mother, of 141 Salina street, Syracuse, had never before been born, and the child, who was left in the care of the narrator, Mrs. Augusta Smith, a servant. Mrs. Smith had brought her charge to New York to hand it over to a Mrs. Kintner, of 296 West Forty-fourth street. Thus ran the meagre story that Mrs. Smith was able to tell before she was carried to the hospital.

At 296 West Forty-fourth street is the Alliance House, noted for our of its connecting in the rear with the Alliance Mission in West Forty-third street. Mrs. Kintner was not there yesterday, but her father was.

"A few days ago in a railway waiting room my daughter met a woman who was carrying a baby and who said she had been having a great deal of trouble in caring for it after its mother's death. My daughter suggested that she might find an institution that would take the boy and said she would let the woman know after looking around in New York. She did not tell the woman to come here, but yesterday morning the woman did come and in her arms was the baby."

"Mrs. Kintner said she was known as the manager of the Hotel Vanderbilt told the SUN reporter that ordinarily the hotel did not receive strangers who had no money, but that on such a day as Saturday no woman, baby or no baby, would be turned away."

A despatch from Syracuse to the SUN last night said that at the Gaiety Hotel, 141 North Salina street, none of the persons named by Mrs. Smith are known and that no record could be found of the death of Mrs. Williams.

WATCHMAN FROZEN IN SLEEP.

John Conroy Dead in His Shanty, No Fire in His Stove.

When Thomas Donnelly, a contractor who is putting up a building at 1710 Carter avenue, The Bronx, paid his morning visit there yesterday he called for his

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watchman, John Conroy, and when he didn't get any response he broke into the shanty in which Conroy made his headquarters. He found the watchman dead on the pine board on which he slept. Dr. Schaeffer of the Forham Hospital said he had called Conroy. The fire in his little stove had gone out during the night and the watchman had been overcome by the cold. Conroy, who was 70 years old, used to live with Mrs. Mary McDermott at 1316 Westchester, The Bronx. She had heard him speak of wealthy relatives in Brooklyn, but she never heard their names.

NO HOPE FOR FIVE HELD ON ICE.

Fears Felt for 25 Others on Steamer Long Overdue.

Chicago, Jan. 14. - Hope of rescuing the five men afloat on the ice off Rogers Park was abandoned late this afternoon.

The Flora M. Hill, the stanch little steamer of the Hill line that left Waukegan at 7 o'clock Saturday morning carrying twenty-five men, has not been heard from, and friends of the crew fear that the steamer has gone down with all on board.

The Flora M. Hill should have reached Chicago at noon on Saturday at the latest. No word has been heard of the steamer since she left Waukegan.

The lake shore from Grant Park to Evanston was lined with regular and volunteer life savers to-day ready to take advantage of any opportunity to reach either of the five big steamers, the Indiana, the Alabama, the Iowa, the Georgia and the Kansas, that are held in the ice fields.

BAY FROZEN, PEOPLE ISOLATED.

Brooklyn Woman Offers \$50 to Be Taken From Shelter Island.

GREENWICH, N. Y., Jan. 14. - For the first time in ten years Gardiner's Bay, between Greenport and Shelter Island, a distance of two miles and a half, is "frozen tight."

The ferry is moored at its wharf, and no one is safe way of crossing Shelter Island is isolated. The Greenport port so she might take the train home, but no one accepted the offer.

MAN FROZEN TO DEATH.

Falls Exhausted on Coldest Night York Pa., Has Ever Known.

YORK Pa., Jan. 14. - Last night was the coldest ever experienced in York and York county. The thermometer registered 29 degrees below zero at Mengesville, twelve miles from this city. This was the coldest in the history of the city. At the Royal engine house, in this city, three thermometers were used and all registered 21 below.

The oldest people say they have never experienced such a cold. One of the oldest, Henry Peterman, 42 years old, was found frozen to death near the railroad bridge here early this morning. He was on his way home, and it is supposed to have been exhaustion.

PEACE TALKERS DON'T SHOW UP.

Carnegie and Choate Fail to Appear Straus Praises Roosevelt.

YONKERS, N. Y., Jan. 14. The Young Men's Christian Association had a peaceful, policeless peace meeting in Philipburgh Hall this afternoon. Andrew Carnegie, Joseph H. Choate and Congressman David J. Foster, who had been announced to speak, did not appear.

Congressman Foster sent a telegram dated at Philadelphia saying, "I am on my way, when the meeting closed."

Oscar S. Straus, former Ambassador to Turkey and Minister of Commerce and Labor in Roosevelt's cabinet, was the principal speaker. The 300 men present applauded when he said that the treaties would be ratified, and that would be the greatest misfortune in history if they were not. The gathering was surprised but enthusiastic when Mr. Straus said:

"When history is written no name will stand higher among those who have worked for concrete and practical peace than that of Theodore Roosevelt. Even his criticisms of the peace treaties are valuable for the misgivings of wise men serve to cultivate a spirit that will make the treaties not mere papers but a reality."

CAMPAIGN AROUSED FEAR.

Anti-Tuberculosis Fight Caused Hospital to Suffer, It Says.

On account of the anti-tuberculosis agitation the work of caring for men and women suffering from consumption has been greatly hampered, according to the annual report of the House of Rest for Consumptives at Inwood-on-the-Hudson, to be distributed to its 400 subscribers to-day.

The difficulty of interesting people in the work of the institution has been greatly increased by the anti-tuberculosis agitation, reads the report, "because a hospital must be shown to visitors, if it is to interest, and if visitors are afraid to visit, such exhibition of the work is obviously impracticable."

In the same manner, at the opposite end of the line, the difficulty in securing proper attendance and service for the patients has been greatly increased and for the same reason.

The House of Rest is supported by private philanthropy. Contributions may be sent to the treasurer at 59 East Fifty-ninth street, New York.

STILL LOOKS FOR THE RETURN OF MRS. EDDY

Mrs. Stetson Refers in Pamphlet to Hope of Dead Leader's Reincarnation.

SHE OPPOSES BOSTON MEN

New York Christian Scientist Says League for Medical Freedom Is a Mistake.

Augusta E. Stetson, the deposed leader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in New York, who announced shortly after the death of Mary Baker G. Eddy in December of last year that she expected to see her leader reincarnated, has not wavered in her faith because of the delay in the demonstration. This much is shown by her expression of faith in a pamphlet which she has recently published and is now circulating throughout the membership of the church in general.

This pamphlet, which is only one of many which Mrs. Stetson has issued in her campaign against what she styles the "materialistic attitude" of the directors of the Mother Church in Boston who encompassed her excommunication, is directed against the activities of the League for Medical Freedom, an organization sanctioned by the directors and designed to combat legislation in restraint of the practice of Christian Science healing by so-called "practitioners" of the church. In the introduction to her argument Mrs. Stetson says:

"The genuine Christian Scientist, working from the basis of divine metaphysics as taught by Mrs. Eddy, sees the danger which threatens those who have not the spiritual discernment to detect this most subtle attempt of the 'enemy of good' - the carnal mind - to lure and ensnare into the ranks of materialism the innocent and ignorant."

"In this resurrection hour, anticipating the 'second' appearing of Christ - Truth through woman - true Christian Scientists are not asleep on their swords, nor are they forsaking their posts of duty - eternal vigilance on the watchtowers of spiritual observation. Foreseeing this momentous hour of the final battle between materialism and spirituality, as taught in Christian Science, our beloved leader, Mrs. Eddy, gave to her disciples the benefit of her spiritual vision and wisdom, in advice which applies to the question at issue and which her faithful followers implicitly obey."

In proof that Mrs. Eddy had in her works warned against just such activities as those in which Christian Scientists are now indulging through the League for Medical Freedom, Mrs. Stetson cites a passage from Mrs. Eddy's miscellaneous writings:

"Beware of joining any medical league which in no way obligates you to assist, because they chance to be under arrest, vendors of patent pills, mesmerists, occultists, sellers of impure literature and authors of spurious works on mental healing. By understanding such a service you lose much more than can be gained by mere unity on the single issue of opposition to unjust medical laws."

Christian Scientists cannot, therefore, leave the advantage ground of spiritual therapeutics to unite with materia medica or eclectic practitioners "without being inconsistent," Mrs. Stetson urges. Later, referring again upon the distinction of "genuine," she says:

"Genuine Christian Scientists do not fear a so-called material court, nor appeal to the so-called material law to protect them in the faithful discharge of their healing work. There is but one court, one law - God's law. Christian Scientists are ready to meet, under the protection of the spiritual law, the law of divine law, every experience which will exact from them and impel them to a closer walk with Christ, a more absolute reliance upon His promises to deliver them in every trial of their faith."

Let Christian Scientists teach the difference between spiritual healing and material so-called healing. Let a man who desires to practice mental healing so called on a material basis do so and put themselves under the protection of material law. But let no one be deceived into believing that spiritual thought and material thought or spiritual methods and material methods can be united in Christian Science."

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