

OIL DISTRICT AGAIN ATTACKED BY REBELS

Force From Victoria Tries to Destroy Railroad to Tampico.

MORELOS IS THREATENED

Governor Appeals for Aid to Check Revolutionists' Ad- vance on Capital.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
Mexico City, Dec. 25.—There is heavy fighting along the railroad line between Tampico and Victoria, capital of the State of Tamaulipas, which is in the hands of the rebels.

Gen. Saragosa and Gen. Asamendi are in command of the Federals. The rebels are attempting to destroy the railroad. The insurgents made a determined stand yesterday at Provil and about fifty were killed on each side.

The Federal command finding that the rebel force was too strong to be destroyed by a direct attack, sent to Tampico reinforcements, and troops left that city at dawn to join in the attack. It is believed that the rebels will not give ground, but will withdraw from their present position, as their tactics are now limited to the destruction of railroads in that district, while remaining on the defensive.

A large rebel force was driven out of Tampico this morning after a desperate fight. The Federals lost sixty killed. Gen. Aguilar, with a rebel force of 2,000 men, is between Tampico and Tuxpan. The Federal commanders do not know which city he intends to attack. Gen. Joaquin Massé left Tuxpan this morning with most of his troops to seek a fight with Aguilar.

Morelos Governor Asks Aid.

A despatch from the Governor of Morelos asks the assistance in the capital of that State to be depleted by the sending of troops to Tampico and elsewhere that he is unable to cope with forces of bandits who infest the State. The bandits are marauding in bands of two or three hundred throughout the entire region and burning sugar cane fields. The Governor asks that troops be sent thither from Mexico and other surrounding States in a concerted movement to trap the bandits, who are especially numerous along the Florida River.

The Federals have recaptured Axochtitlan, drying out Gen. Lemus Zapata and killing twenty of his men besides capturing several of the rebels.

There was an engagement this morning between Federals and rebel south of San Luis Potosí, where several bands of 200 to 300 rebels are operating, cutting the telegraph lines and tearing up the railroad. There are Federal detachments of seventy to 100 men in every station between San Luis Potosí. The commander of each detachment telegraphs every half hour to the stations nearest to him and sends his men along the line whenever the rebels cut the telegraph line. The Federals have frequently been able to surprise the rebels while destroying the railroads.

City of Tepic Sacked.

Gen. Miguel Gil, Governor of the territory of Tepic, has been ordered to come to Mexico to the capital. It is believed that he will be tried by court-martial on a charge of inefficiency and for having allowed the revolt to gain strength in the territory supposed to be under his control. A large number of refugees from Tepic have arrived at Guadalajara. Rebels are looting the city of Tepic.

It was admitted officially to-day that the rebels are swarming into the Federal district along Tonangco, Tecuacuan and Malinalco, where there have been several fights in the past twenty-four hours.

It is reported that the Villa forces are on their way to Torreon from Chihuahua. Gen. Aguilar is to follow with artillery, while Gen. Villa will remain at Chihuahua.

SAY CARRANZA STILL LIVES.

Friends Insist Constitutionalist Leader Was Seen Recently.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 25.—Venustiano Carranza, leader of the Constitutionalist and ex-Governor of the State of Coahuila, did not die in Tamaulipas last August, as it is not dead to-day, neither is he ill or declining in health. Carranza was at El Paso when Francisco I. Madero was besieging Juarez and negotiating peace with Porfirio Diaz two years ago and became personally known to many El Paso residents and newspaper correspondents. At least one of these correspondents, who came into daily contact with him in 1911, is in daily touch with him now. Many other Americans have visited Carranza in the last few weeks.

Gen. E. A. Blandin, commanding the Juárez rebel army, said to-night when asked that a statement had been made in the East that Gen. Carranza died at Tamaulipas last August: "The story is monstrous, of course."

Gen. Carranza met Gen. Hunt of Arizona at Nogales not more than six weeks ago. Gen. Hunt knows Gen. Carranza personally. On the other hand, it was less than a month ago that William Howard Hale was in conference with Gen. Carranza at Nogales.

The report of the Constitutionalist leader's death is believed here to have been started at the same source that originated a story which received much publicity in Huerta publications in Mexico.

It is noted that the negro troops of the United States had mutinied against Woodrow Wilson and had already looted and partly burned the city of Denver.

Recently Gen. Carranza was dead, said Gen. Benavides, "the revolution would go on and we would have no rea-

RAMPOLLA'S WILL BOX FOUND.

Testament Missing, However—Ar- rest of His Nephew Imminent.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
Rome, Dec. 25.—The mysterious ebony box which was said to have contained the will of the late Cardinal Rampolla and a large sum of money was found to-day. It is empty. The will and the money presumably were stolen.

The police are making a secret investigation of the affair with the tacit consent of the Vatican. This, taken in conjunction with the fact that the Pope instructed Mr. Le Bisognio, treasurer of the basilica of St. Peter's, to use the notary's seal on the apartments occupied by the late Cardinal in the Vatican, gives rise to the belief that litigation cannot be avoided.

Princess Altieri, wife of the Duke of Campobello, nephew of the late Cardinal, who is suspected of having had something to do with the disappearance of the will, has not yet formally accused her husband, from whom she has been separated for several years owing to his dissolute habits. A warrant for his arrest has not been issued, but it is expected that this will be done shortly.

BOY SCOUT KILLS HIS PLAYMATE AT OUTING

Minister's Son Amuses Himself With Shotgun, With Fatal Result.

PRENSKILL, N. Y., Dec. 25.—While playing with a shotgun to-day Monroe Kniskern, thirteen-year-old son of the Rev. E. M. Kniskern, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church here, accidentally shot and killed a playmate, Edward Webb, 14 years of age. The bullet struck the boy in the back of the head and penetrated his brain, causing instant death.

The boys, with about fifteen others, all members of the Boy Scouts and also of a Sunday school class taught by Fred W. Valentine, organizer of the Boy Scouts here, were taken by Valentine to Deepwater Park for a day's outing. They were to cook their Christmas dinner in the woods and camp out for the day.

William Wright took along his shotgun, which he had got as a Christmas present. He was the only one of the boys who carried a gun on the outing. While the others worked about the fire and got things ready for the dinner the little Kniskern boy, came upon the shotgun, which was leaning against a tree. He amused himself with it for a while, pointing it in the air at imaginary birds. As he was a Boy Scout and accustomed to handling guns nobody paid any attention to him. The Webb boy stood by the fire with his back toward young Kniskern.

Suddenly the shotgun was discharged, and with a scream the Webb boy sank to the ground, shot through the head. Valentine and some of the Boy Scouts rushed over to him, as did young Kniskern, but they saw at once that the little fellow was dead.

A doctor was summoned, who said that death had been caused instantly, and he notified Coroner Mason of this village.

The little Kniskern lad, on the verge of a collapse, was taken in charge by the physician and brought to his father's home. His condition is such that the coroner has not questioned him to any extent.

Young Valentine and the others in the party, however, the coroner learned the circumstances of the shooting and did not arrest the minister's son, as he said he was satisfied the killing was entirely accidental.

Because of the shooting the Christmas entertainment which was to have been held in the church this evening was abandoned.

ESTHER ACKERMAN, 13, MISSING.

Homeless for Austria and Parents Fear She Tried to Go Back.

Esther Ackerman, 13 years old, whose father, Jacob Ackerman, has a 5 and 16-cent store on Fulton street, Brooklyn, disappeared on Monday. Yesterday the police were asked to look for her.

The girl attended a public school in Kosciuszko street. She disappeared after starting for school on Monday from her home, 736 E. 14th avenue.

She and her mother came to America from Austria only five weeks ago to join Mr. Ackerman, who preceded them by six years and established a business. Esther was homeless for the old country. Her parents think she may have tried to go back. But she had no money and a gold chain worn around her neck was by no means worth the price of a ticket to Austria.

ENGAGED ON CHRISTMAS SHIP.

Customs Men Waste No Sentiment on Miss Borrero's Ring.

To the delight of the passengers but to the vexation of the customs officials a pretty romance developed on board the Christmas ship *Majestic*. When Miss Inez Borrero, Spanish but American born, left the pier yesterday noon she wore a diamond and ruby ring which had been on the finger of Pampilo Xavier, 20 years old, and a student at Georgetown University, when he left his home in Brazil.

Some one asked if he and Miss Borrero had become engaged on shipboard. "Perhaps," he faltered.

Miss Borrero was more positive, although she hinted that she was having too good a time to listen to any wedding bells yet a while.

The customs men valued the ring at \$500 and the appearance of two big tears did not deter them taking it right off her finger. Miss Borrero demurred, argued, jolled, smiled and even cried a little, but the inspectors were not to be won over.

Finally she paid the duty, waved a good-bye to Pampilo, as she called Pampilo, and tripped lightly off the pier on the arms of two other young men who hadn't been introduced to Pampilo.

WOMAN KILLED BY AUTOS ON BROADWAY

Man With Her Injured When Big Car Tosses Both Beneath Taxi.

UMBRELLA BLOCKED VIEW

Larger Machine Speeds Away —Victims Mr. and Mrs. Rich- ard Lee of Brooklyn.

A man and a woman who were crossing Broadway at Sixty-sixth street at 1:15 o'clock this morning were knocked down and run over by an automobile which was speeding south in Broadway. They fell in front of a taxicab and were run over again. The woman died as she was being put on the operating table at the Poly-clinic Hospital and the man is unconscious.

In the man's overcoat was a card bearing the name of Richard Lee and the address 49 and 51 South Second street, Brooklyn, where are located the stables of the American Sugar Refining Company. An official of that company said last night that Lee was superintendent of the firm's stables.

The woman, who appeared to be about 40 years old, weighed 145 pounds and had blue eyes and brown hair. She was dressed in a blue evening gown, a long evening cloak and black furs. She wore a pearl necklace, a wadding ring inscribed "From Richard to Gertrude," five diamond rings and two diamond stud bracelets, one of them inscribed in the same way as the wedding ring.

The accident happened in front of the Hotel Marie Antoinette. The man and woman were walking close together with an umbrella held before their faces. A big automobile in which were men and women here drove up to them and they were hurled several feet. Their bodies were rolled under the wheels as the car ran over them.

The taxicab was bound in the same direction and the chauffeur says he had no time to avoid striking the prostrate man and woman. The driver of the big car did not stop. Witnesses say he increased his speed as he shot down Broadway after the accident.

Henry De Forest of 522 East 124th street, the driver of the taxicab, brought his machine to a stop as soon as he could. He had two men as passengers. They slipped away during the excitement. The injured man and woman were rushed to the hospital. Both of them were terribly injured. It was said that the little hope for the man's recovery was extinguished.

The police received instructions immediately to find the automobile which ran away.

Hit by Auto, Man Dies From Frac- tured Skull.

Frank Zandacki, 20 East Twenty-third street, Bayonne, died in the City Hospital last night from a fractured skull received when he was run down at Jackson and Claremont avenues, Jersey City, by the automobile of Jefferson Davis Sears, an insurance agent.

Davis, who was alone in his car, picked up the injured man and hurried to the hospital with him. Sears surrendered to the police and will be arraigned this morning on a charge of manslaughter.

Woman Injured When Run Down by Wealthy Contractor's Car.

RID BARK, N. J., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hendrickson was knocked down and perhaps fatally injured this afternoon when the automobile of William McKim, a wealthy contractor of Rumson, ran her down as she was walking from a trolley car to the sidewalk in Monmouth street. Witnesses say that although the car was moving slowly it was so near the trolley car when Mrs. Hendrickson alighted that she had no chance to escape.

She was taken to the Long Branch Hospital in McKim's automobile.

Three Thrown From Auto Which Skidded Into Water Main.

Three persons were thrown from an automobile last night when it skidded into a big water main lying along the curb on the Grand Concourse and Boulevard at 180th street, The Bronx. Joseph Ronchon of 1705 Montgomery avenue received cuts about the face and both legs.

His brother Louis, 18 years old, who was driving, received concussion of the brain and a fracture of two bones of his right arm. Miss Margaret Ansler, 24 years old, of 2133 Decatur avenue, was bruised about the arms and chest.

Escape Death by Seconds at Jersey Railroad Crossing.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 25.—Two men missed death by a few seconds only this evening when their automobile crashed through the gates of the Central Railroad at Elizabeth avenue as an express train approached. The gates wrecked the machine and prevented it from getting in the path of the train.

Alexander Withral, the chauffeur, told the police that the auto became unmanageable as it reached the crossing. The men were cut and bruised about the head and face and were removed to the Alexian Brothers Hospital.

HOLDS TRIAL BY TELEPHONE.

Judge Hears Pleas of Couple Jailed
for Kissing and Pines Them.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Trial by telephone was resorted to to-day by City Judge Healy, who was ill in his home in Armourville Park. Sitting by the Christmas fireside, he accepted over the wire pleas of guilty to disorderly conduct from Joseph Rush and Miss A. Wood of Albany Post road and 233d street, New York, and fined them \$2 apiece. The couple were arrested by Policeman Fitzgerald in Warburton avenue Wednesday while kissing each other affectionately and spent the night in jail.

LAWN MOWING NEW XMAS TASK.

Yonkers Residents Forced to Cut Long Grass Despite Season.

Computers in Yonkers took advantage of the Christmas holiday to mow their lawns. The grass has been getting longer and longer owing to the spring weather until it just had to be cut.

Players on the Dunwoodie Country Club golf course, also at Yonkers, had to keep moving to keep warm yesterday, but they played on greens which had been mowed only a few days ago, and those who were fond of golf stopped now and then to pick a buttercup.

The greens keeper at Dunwoodie says that the greens have been mowed four times since the latter part of September when in ordinary seasons the grass is mowed for the last time until spring. The condition of the course is about the same as in May, according to the greens keeper.

Up in Bronx Park the grass has not been mowed recently, but it is unusually long for the time of year, and so it is in the other city parks. The same condition prevails in the nearby cemeteries. Out in New Jersey a fine crop of grass is in evidence.

Farmers in the vicinity of New York are saving on their usual bills for winter fodder, for with the spring weather and the long grass the animals can pick up a living out of doors.

WILL LIVE WITH SIX STITCHES IN HEART

Surgeons Saw Man's Rib, Sew Up Stab Wound and Patch Punctured Lung.

VINCENT LAURO, 35 years old, of 340 DeWane street, Brooklyn, was hurried to the Holy Family Hospital last evening semi-conscious from a stab wound in the left breast over the heart.

After an examination Dr. Raymond Sullivan, assisted by Dr. Edwin H. Pike and Dr. Fred Dilleworth, decided that the left ventricle of the heart had been cut and the left lung punctured.

It was decided to cut through the ribs overlying the heart and sew up the wound, which is a rare operation. On account of the weakened condition of the patient no anesthetic was used, but cocaine was injected in the region of the heart.

After cutting one rib the doctors found six stitches in the wall of the heart.

That operation having been successfully finished they turned to the left lung and patched up the gash in it. The patient was removed from the operating table to a cot in the surgical ward. Two hours afterward he was reported to be improving so rapidly that Dr. Dilleworth, who talked to THE SUN last night, said he felt no fear for the man's life.

MAN CAN SLEEP ON THE WING.

Ten Aeroplane With Cabins Tried Out at St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—An aeroplane with sleeping cabins able to accommodate several passengers has just been submitted to tests here and has been pronounced a complete success, according to the *Bourse Gazette*.

The machine is the invention of an aviator named Sikorsky, the designer of the giant aeroplane capable of carrying eleven passengers, which was tried out recently. The new machine is half as large as the other. It weighs three and one-half tons and has four 100-horse-power motors.

In the course of the tests to-day the aeroplane rose into the air after a run of 100 yards and made a complete circle of nearly one hundred feet.

M. Sikorsky is reported to have carried seven passengers on a flight of fifty-six miles in his old machine.

ONE HAPPY SUFFRAGETTE.

Ins Millholland That Was Meant Husband Arriving From Europe.

INEZ Millholland Boissevain was anxiously at the White Star line pier yesterday morning for the arrival of the *Majestic*. Inez Boissevain paced the deck of the liner just as anxiously. He was particularly put out at the three-hour delay while the mail was being transferred.

Mrs. Boissevain didn't embarrass Dudley Field Malone by asking for a pass to go down the bay on one of the revenue cutters to meet her husband. Since the advent of the hobble skirt cutter passes have been refused to women and nothing has yet come of the agitation of members of the suffrage party. A reporter asked Mrs. Boissevain if she had applied for a pass.

"No," she smiled, "you newspaper people spoiled that. I thought I might be able to slip down quietly, but I will not go down there for everybody's benefit."

Mr. Boissevain said he wished his wife had come on the cutter. He believes that Holland will soon have woman suffrage. Even in England members of the suffrage party say everything pertaining to votes for women are not entered at the way they were once, he said.

MRS. A. E. STEVENSON DEAD.

Wife of Ex-Vice President Had Been Ill Since September.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, 70 years old, wife of the ex-Vice-President, died to-night of pneumonia. She had been bedfast since September. Her son Lewis recently left for California, but is now en route home.

FIRE PANIC STARTER ELUDES CAPTURE

Michigan Authorities Have Good Description of Man Who Caused 72 Deaths.

WILSON KEEPS HANDS OFF

He Will Leave Investigation to Local Officials—Fight Over Funeral Direction.

NO FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO THE DISASTER

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Dec. 25.—It was learned unofficially to-night that President Wilson will not accede to the demands that he order a Federal investigation of the disaster at Red Jacket, Mich. He is understood to have made it plain that if there was any criminal negligence causing the unnecessary panic it is a matter for the local authorities to consider.

Charles S. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who was indicted for the assassination of Gov. Steunenberg of Idaho, but who was never tried on the indictment, wanted Secretary of Labor Wilson to have the United States authorities intervene and investigate the affair.

On just what ground he based his request is still a mystery here, but it is certain that President Wilson will brook no interference with the local authorities.

CALMET, Mich., Dec. 25.—The collected list of the victims in last night's disaster at the Italian Union Hall in Red Jacket shows that seventy-two persons lost their lives. Three children, two boys and a girl, are so badly hurt that they may die. Two of them, it is declared, certainly will not recover.

The authorities have been unable to find the person who is alleged to have raised the cry of fire at the Christmas tree exercises which resulted in the disastrous panic. A good description of the man has been given.

Mrs. Jacob Lustig of Laurium, wife of a striker, says that she sat behind the man who first raised the alarm. He cried out "Fire, fire," before she really thought there was a fire. She told him to sit down and keep quiet, but he drew away from her and fled.

Mrs. Lustig lost one child in the panic. Matt Saari, who lost a boy, says he was standing at the top of the stairs when the cry "Fire" was raised and that no man ran up the stairs screaming "Fire," but that the cry came from the middle of the hall. Saari, not knowing where his own children were, left the hall.

Belief in a Fire.

The authorities are still uncertain whether or not there was any fire in the hall, but are of the opinion that there was because of the report from a good source that a man carrying a child with sparks flying from his clothing, as if lit by a candle or a pipe, was seen leaving the building during the panic. Officials of the Federation of Miners deny that there was any fire, however.

The two factions in the community are at odds regarding arrangements for the funerals of the seventy-two victims of the panic. Both the Federation of Miners and the citizens' organization are determined to take charge. The citizens demand that the funerals be made public and President Moyer of the federation denies their right to do so.

At meetings of citizens resolutions of condolence and offers of aid were adopted this afternoon. Committees were appointed to ascertain the condition of the families of the victims and to render every possible aid. No outside assistance will be accepted.

The Federation of Miners also held meetings and appointed committees to visit the families of the victims. These committees represent the eight nationalities of the victims. Final arrangements for the funerals will be made to-morrow.

The undertakers of the copper country were absolutely unable to care for the dead, so rapidly were the bodies piled up in the morgues. Thirty additional coffins were shipped into Calumet to-day. Two undertakers were brought from Milwaukee to assist the eleven here.

Many harrowing tales are being told by survivors and rescuers—tales of a struggling, suffering pack of humanity, crushed into a space six feet in width from the door of the building and extending out to the walk over the steep steps. Here before the eyes of rescuers there died fully two dozen of the victims because it was impossible to reach and extract them before their breath was crushed out.

Moyer's Attitude.

President Moyer of the Federation of Miners said to-day that he did not intend to make political capital of the disaster, but that in his statement last night in which he blamed the Citizens Alliance or non-strike sympathizers for the disaster he merely gave what evidence had been placed before him by an eye witness.

He says that every possible assistance is being offered from outside. From the labor organizations all over the country. The Butte, Montana, miners have offered any amount of money that is needed up to \$20,000. Secretary William Green of the United Mine Workers has telegraphed \$2,000 for immediate use, although this organization has been paying benefits for months to the Colorado coal strikers, and will send more as it is needed.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, through Secretary

No New Year's dinner complete without Angora Bitters. Delicious Appetizer and Tonic.

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LEAVES SOCIETY FOR CHURCH.

Miss Romola Dahlgren to Become an Episcopalian Deaconess.

NEWPORT, Dec. 25.—Miss Romola Dahlgren, who is well known in society, in which she has been very popular, is to become a deaconess in the Protestant Episcopal Church. She has been studying the work of the deaconess at the home in New York for some time, and is now prepared to take it up in that city. At present she is here with Deaconess Gillespie.

Miss Dahlgren is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dahlgren and a granddaughter of the late Rear Admiral Dahlgren. She is also a granddaughter on her mother's side of the Rev. Dr. Morgan, long rector of St. Thomas's Church of New York. Miss Dahlgren's mother died here two years ago.

QUAKE FELT IN SEATTLE.

Disturbance Lasts Five Seconds, but No Serious Damage Is Done.

SEATTLE, Dec. 25.—Seattle was shaken by an earthquake shock at 6:10 this morning. The disturbance lasted five seconds and was felt in all parts of the city. No serious damage was done. Windows were rattled and lights extinguished.

THINKS MARSHALL BLUNDERED.

Washington Surprised at Reported Statement on Trusts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—A good deal of interest was excited in Washington to-day by a report telegraphed from Indianapolis representing Vice-President Marshall as declaring that there should be no supplemental anti-trust legislation at this session of Congress.

If the Vice-President was correctly quoted he is at odds with President Wilson on this question. In his regular message to Congress the President gave notice that he would later forward a special message in which he would recommend certain legislation supplementing the anti-trust laws. The appropriate committees of Congress are holding themselves in readiness to proceed to frame such legislation immediately upon the receipt of the President's promised message.

Official Washington believes that the Vice-President made a blunder if he made the statement on the trust question attributed to him.

SEVERE COLD IN COTTON BELT.

Mexican Gulf Storm Causes Fall in Temperature.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—The cotton belt shivered to-day in the coldest Christmas weather in several years. No records were broken at any point, but a sharp drop in the temperature starting Wednesday and continuing steadily throughout Thursday was felt all the more keenly because of the unusually warm four weeks which preceded.

The rapid fall in temperature was caused largely by a violent disturbance in the Mexican Gulf, which was felt from Florida to Texas. Thus far no damage from the storm has been reported. The cold to-day was accentuated by a strong wind. The lowest temperature reported in the Gulf States was 32 degrees. Northwest Mississippi saw its first snow in several years on Christmas Day. Columbus reported an unusually heavy fall for that section.

CAN'T MAKE BRITISHERS LAUGH.

George Monroe and Harry Fisher Give Up Their Jobs.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, Dec. 25.—George Monroe and Harry Fisher, American members of the new revue "Hullo, Tango," which opened here on Tuesday evening and met with a warm reception, have withdrawn from the company. They announced after the first performance that they did not like the reception given to them.

This reception, they said, "convinced them that their brand of humor was more suitable to American than English audiences." The actors deny that they are picked up or that they have had trouble with the management. Their contracts aggregated \$20,000.

WOMAN REAL FIRE FIGHTER.

Throws Flaming Tree Into Street and Puts Out Second Blaze.

A Christmas tree which Mr. and Mrs. Louis Samuels of 449 East Eighty-ninth street set up for their neighbors' children—the Samuels have no children of their own—took the early last night.

Mrs. Samuels was alone. She picked up a rug, threw it over the tree and threw rug and tree out of the window.

Another rug had taken her meanwhile and Mrs. Samuels got a nail of water and put out that blaze. The damage was \$200.

KILLED BY HIS OWN CAR.

Motorman Run Over When It Jumps Track and Wrecks Saloon.

A Bay Ridge avenue trolley car jumped the track at Sixty-ninth street and the motorman, Henry Ficke, 69, of 356 Fifty-eighth street, Brooklyn, was thrown from the platform. The car ran over the curb and smashed into the window of a saloon, the rear wheels passing over Ficke's body and killing him instantly.

No one in the car was hurt, though all were badly shaken. A dozen tipplers in the saloon witnessed the car's entrance with astonishment.

20 FAMILIES IN FIRE PERIL.

Live Coals on Dumbwaiter Send Women Down Fire Escape.

A pair of live coals on the dumbwaiter of the five-story tenement at 269 West 154th street started a fire last night which destroyed the apartments on the third and fourth floors and interrupted the Christmas festivities of the twenty families who live there.