

RESCUERS AT FIRE ARE UNDER SCRUTINY

Search for Pyromaniac in Deaths of Fifteen at Tenement Goes On.

THREE PERSONS HELD

One Prisoner Is 12-Year-Old Boy—Man Seized for Observation.

TWO MORE IDENTIFIED

\$600 Contributed Toward a Fund for Relief of Families Made Homeless.

Fire Marshal Thomas P. Brophy and the police will continue to-day their investigation into the origin of the tenement house fire at Lexington avenue and 110th street early Sunday, in which fifteen persons lost their lives.

Although circumstances indicate that it was the work of a dangerous pyromaniac still at large, Brophy said he was not convinced that the blaze was incendiary. It originated in two baby carriages which stood on the ground floor near the stairs. In this respect the fire is similar to one recently at 109th street near Columbus avenue, in which seven persons lost their lives. It is believed this is more than a coincidence. Efforts will be made to-day to check up on several men who were conspicuous in the work of rescue.

One suspect, Alfred F. Molnar, 33, of 297 East Ninety-seventh street, was arrested in Bayonne, N. J., yesterday and brought here for questioning. After an examination by Marshal Brophy he was sent to the psychopathic ward at Bellevue Hospital for observation. He was able to furnish a perfect alibi. The marshal said he was certain that Molnar knew nothing of the blaze.

Two More Arrested. He first attracted attention in front of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Bayonne, where he sat surrounded by several cracker boxes and with a lighted candle in front of him. He was locked up and became violent during the night, smashing windows and furniture. Marshal Brophy and Lieut. James Connors of the Bayonne police both denied a published report that Molnar had confessed setting the Lexington avenue fire. Molnar was brought to town by Detectives William Caputo and John Dougherty of the East 104th street station and taken to the Municipal Building for examination.

The police said Molnar had an excellent reputation. His wife, Anna, told the marshal that her husband left home at 10 o'clock Sunday morning to see a friend who was ill in Elizabeth. She was at a loss to account for his presence in Bayonne.

Although neither is charged with the Lexington avenue fire, two arrests of alleged pyromaniacs were made as a result of the city wide investigation. At 7:30 o'clock Sunday night an alarm was turned in from a tenement at 253 and 255 Grand street. Twenty families make their home there. The blaze started in lumber and paper in the basement, ate upward through stores on 2nd street level and reached the second floor.

Battalion Chief McEllegott reported that he had found John Harrison, 56, the assistant janitor, borrowing oddly in the basement. Assistant Fire Marshal William Copeland ordered his arrest. Harrison talked ramblingly of a mysterious man with a flashlight in the basement and, according to Copeland, admitted having entered from an adjacent tenement in Rochester, Minn., seven years ago. He went to Canada, according to his story, and came to New York a year ago. He is charged with being a suspicious person.

Deaths Total Fifteen. The other prisoner is Eugene Sneed, a twelve-year-old negro, of 106 West 142d street. He was arrested by Detectives Stanley Gorman and Edward Shields of the West 135th street station. According to the police, Sneed said he liked to see the fire engines "roll around" and admitted having set fire to the roof of the building where he lives three weeks ago. The detective reported that they found matches in Sneed's locker at Public School No. 5, 141st street and Edgecombe avenue. He will be arraigned in the Children's Court to-day on a charge of juvenile delinquency.

The death list in the Lexington avenue fire was increased to fifteen when Mrs. Rose Ingles, 85 years old, one of the injured, died in the Harlem Hospital from shock. The remainder of the injured are doing well and are expected to recover.

The two bodies remaining in the city morgue were identified during the day by Harry S. Sugarman of 1654 Lexington avenue as his brother and sister. Edward H., 29 years old, a violinist, and Marie, 24, a stenographer. He said they came to New York two and half years ago from England and that prior to they had lived in Rumania. The funerals of the five members of the Sugarman family who lost their lives in the fire will be at 10 o'clock this morning from the undertaking rooms of Harry Schwartz, 32 Fifth street. The funerals of Abraham Matfisky and his wife, Anna, also fire victims, will be from there at the same time. Mrs. Matfisky was a Sugarman before her marriage. The others to be buried are Catherine, 27, and Sidney, 22.

The funerals of Samuel, Fannie, Sarah, Beatrice and Nathan Silver will be this afternoon from a chapel at 119th street and Lexington avenue.

A committee to solicit relief funds for those who lost everything in the fire was organized yesterday, with Martin J. Kennedy of 46 Dey street as chairman. The Yorkville Bank, at Eighty-fifth street and Third avenue, is to have the fund. Contributions are being received there and at Mr. Kennedy's office. Thus far the Yorkville Bank has given \$250; Henry Frank, 3101; John J. Dietz, H. Warren Huber, 3101; Judge Francis X. Mancuso, State Senator S. A. Cottillo and Louis Adler, 319 1/2 etc., several appeals for assistance were received by the committee during the day.

OLD PASTOR WON'T LEAVE MANSE UNTIL FORCED OUT

Trustees of Jersey Church March In on the Rev. Mr. Berger, Who Had Remained as Squatter After Resigning From Pulpit.

Forceful steps were taken by the trustees of the Lakeview Presbyterian Church at Lakeview, near Paterson, yesterday, to force the Rev. W. Francis Berger, formerly pastor of the church, and his family to vacate the manse. The Rev. Mr. Berger resigned from his pulpit during an inquiry last March, but since has refused repeatedly to move out of the manse under one pretext or another.

When the minister answered a ring at the door yesterday Arthur J. Berger, head of the board of trustees, brushed him aside, planted his foot firmly in the hallway, and said: "Dr. Berger, I have taken possession of this property."

Four other trustees—Mrs. Arthur Travels, Mrs. John Sanderson, Miss Ethel Morgan and John Miller—and several members of the congregation followed their leader inside and they went from one room to another, repeating in turn that they had taken possession. They had made a study of the squatters' law, under which the Rev. Mr. Berger had retained possession of the property, to learn how to go about the task they had in hand.

The minister and his wife took the trustee's invitation, although they pleaded with the trustees not to disturb them. But a Miss Klein, sister of Mrs. Berger, flew into a rage, according to reports, and gave him a heavy wallop on the face with her fist. She also scratched Mrs. Berger on the hand. Christopher said. Her brother-in-law calmed her finally and policemen were sent for, but when they arrived the trustees refused to heed the policemen's pleas that they go along and cause the minister and his family no further trouble.

The policemen finally left the manse and the trustees directed the several members of the congregation to carry all the furniture out of two rooms of the manse and place it in two other rooms. When this was done the vacant rooms were locked and the former pastor was warned that under the law he could not tinker with the locks. A lock also was placed on the front door. The minister was told that during the remainder of the time he will be permitted to remain in the manse he must use the back door in leaving and entering the house.

He received a reasonable time in which to procure other quarters and the emergency tenure will not be very comfortable, with all the minister's household goods crowded into two rooms.

The Rev. Rudolph Meier of West Milford, N. J., has become pastor of the church and it is important that he have the manse at once, said Mr. Christopher. To live in West Milford and preach in Lakeview takes up too much of his time.

The Rev. Mr. Berger's latest reason for refusing to vacate the manse was that he was being paid \$320 in back salary and bonuses. A special committee of the Presbytery of Jersey City recently decided that only \$30 was due to him and he apparently to accept this. It was said, and vacate by October 15. In consideration of this alleged agreement an ejectment suit that had been pending against the minister was withdrawn.

HYLAN IGNORES PLEA OF 67 ILL VETERANS

Refuses to Heed Rosedale's Complaint About Bad Food at Sea View Hospital.

Mayor Hylan refused yesterday to hear a complaint by Representative Albert B. Rosedale of the Bronx on behalf of tubercular veterans in Sea View Hospital, Staten Island, a city institution. Mr. Rosedale went to City Hall with a petition by sixty-seven veterans charging that the food supplied by the city is unfit. Before he had spoken half a dozen words he was interrupted by the Mayor, who shouted:

"You're only seeking notoriety! You're doing this for election purposes!" Mr. Rosedale tried in vain to protest. The Mayor, flanked by Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of Welfare, and David Hirschfield, Commissioner of Accounts, shouted him down. He would not take the petition, and added:

"Look here, you're not going to pull anything like this with election coming on."

"This matter has no political angle," said Mr. Rosedale. "My own party is responsible for the care of veterans. I came here to speak of things I have seen and you can remedy. A boy died Friday night in Sea View. I am speaking for him and more who may die under conditions that are intolerable."

"I want to see this," said the Mayor. "I have made personal investigation of that hospital and when I came back I had occasion to compliment Mr. Coler."

"Why didn't you come to us quietly?" asked Mr. Hirschfield. "Why did you give it to the newspapers?"

"I want to tell you," Mr. Rosedale began. "Oh, no, you're not," interrupted Mr. Hirschfield. "You're thinking of elections. That's all."

Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod, 321 West Thirty-seventh street, and Mrs. A. P. Dennis, 24 East Fifty-first street, welfare workers, also tried to complain about conditions at Sea View, but the Mayor would not listen. To Mrs. MacLeod he said:

"I remember you. You're a propagandist."

As the women left, Mr. Hirschfield took them aside and told them they were "political connivers and fakers." Both women were in auxiliary war services and Mrs. MacLeod was overseas.

As a result of the visit the Mayor ordered Mr. Hirschfield to investigate the hospital. Mr. Rosedale wrote in the "Evening Star" that the "Veterans' Bureau" wrote Commissioner Coler on October 19 about this hospital, but I understand he has not replied. The boys sent me their petition Thursday and I went there to look into the matter. I found conditions substantiated their complaint. I'm not ashamed by the Mayor's rebuff and I'm going to see this through."

MINERS AGAIN PICKETING.

Striking Pennsylvania miners, again reinforced by local woman sympathizers, yesterday resumed their picketing of the E. J. Berwind residence at East Sixty-fourth street and the Berwind-White Coal Mining Company offices at 11 Broadway. The picket lines are a fixture, leaders said, until Mr. Berwind grants recognition of the union as a basis for peace settlement.

Fire Destroys Rare Collections, Routs Dr. Drummond and Family

Paintings, elaborate plate glass windows, a large collection of rare curios and valuable antiques and furniture, jewelry and clothing, worth thousands of dollars, were destroyed in a fire that burned the summer residence of Dr. I. W. Drummond, president of the S. P. Raymonds Paint Company, of New York, at Atlantic Highlands, N. J., early Sunday.

The eight occupants, including Dr. Drummond, Mrs. C. Des Walnright and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyt and three servants, were routed from their beds and escaped by the second and third story windows. Mrs. Hoyt and two of the servants, Harriet Von Lory and Miss Goldie Buffalo, were badly burned, and removed to the Mount Memorial Hospital, Long Beach. The fire was discovered by a neighbor, Mr. John Gemmill. Mrs. Pierce, widow of Charles Henry Pierce, one of the directors of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, who lives next door, was awakened by the fire glare and

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Max Burnmeister, 60 years old, of 249 East Sixty-fifth street, was killed while crossing Second avenue at Sixty-fifth street. He was knocked down by a truck owned by Stephen Angello of 219 Mulberry street, and driven by James Vassile of 161 Mott street.

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Piano Recital by Frances Hall Today at 2:30—Auditorium

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That's the boy to take a long walk with and be introduced to the trees by name.

(Signed) John Wanamaker

October 24, 1922.

Third Courboin Organ Recital

Tickets now ready. The recital will be given on the new Jewel Organ in the Wanamaker Auditorium, Wednesday, Oct. 25th, at 2:30 p. m.

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Legless Beggar Hopes To Get Rich on Patent

Working on Gear Shift—Arrangement To-day.

Frederick Hammill, legless beggar with a reputed \$20,000 ranch, a sedan and money in five banks, who was arrested Saturday night after a detective had watched the cloud over an hour, will be arraigned in Jefferson Market court to-day for hearing on a technical charge of vagrancy. When arraigned Sunday he was not able to provide bail of \$100 and was locked up.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Brooklyn, Oct. 22.—Frederick Hammill lives at 1 Bonis avenue, Waltham. He has a sedan on which he has been in the habit of working in his spare moments to perfect a scheme whereby it can be operated by a person, but on one leg or even no legs at all. This he hopes to accomplish by a novel gear shift, and other arrangements which he has worked out, but which he is keeping to himself until such time as he can take out a patent.

According to those who know him he expects to make a fortune. He is said to have been a man of means, who lost his all in unlucky investments.

Falling embers from the Drummond house skipped several adjoining summer homes and ignited the residence in Bayview avenue of Augustus Wolsey, field auditor of the New York State Treasurer's office. Mr. and Mrs. Wolsey had been at the Drummond fire and had gone to bed when they were awakened by a crackling noise in their own home. The loss there was in the thousands.

The Drummond house was one of the best known places in Atlantic Highlands. The physician had spent thousands in converting a large three story house into an attractive residence and in beautifying the grounds with sunken Italian gardens.

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