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INCENDIARY FIRE IN GOTHAM WIPES OUT SIX LIVES

Six Others May Die From Injuries Sustained.

SCENE ONE OF PANIC

Blaze in Ghetto Tenement Followed by Three Others.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—An incendiary fire in a big five-story double decked tenement, 15 and 17 Moore Street, in the Williamsburg Ghetto, caused the death of five children and one woman, the fatal strangling of six other little ones, and the painful injury of six more. A number of persons are missing, but may turn up all right. The fire was started for the purpose of revenge or to conceal robbery. The dead are: Mrs. Bella Glass, Mary Belaski, aged five; Samuel Belaski, aged three; Isaac Belaski, aged one; unidentified girl, about sixteen; Henry Glass, about two. The dying are: Essie Withoski, about fourteen; Abraham Withoski, aged nine; Annie Withoski, aged seven; Minnie Withoski, aged five; Charles Withoski, aged three; unidentified girl, about fifteen.

Asleep in Tenements.

Twenty families were sleeping soundly in the tenement when the hallways suddenly filled with smoke, which rose in clouds from the cellar. The flames burst through the floor and seemed to come from all corners of the building at once. The incendiary had planned the fire carefully. The blaze mounted the stairway, cutting off all escape and was soon burning through the upper floors.

An alarm was turned in at the Stagg Street station and almost simultaneously alarms were turned in for fires at 19 Graham Avenue and at 102 Graham Avenue, for which it was apparent incendiaries were responsible. The multiplicity of alarms caused some confusion at first, but the firemen were soon at work. When the firemen arrived at 15 and 17 Moore Street the flames were breaking through the windows and the roof.

When the cry of fire was first raised the inmates of the two houses ran into the hallway, where they were met by great clouds of smoke and flame. Some rushed to the roof for safety, while others fled to the fire escapes, screaming for help. The police reserves from the Stagg Street station assisted the firemen in their work of rescue.

Life Lines Formed.

Many life lines were formed and the women and children were lowered safely to the ground. While the work of rescue was going on the flames, breaking through the windows, scorched and burned the rescuers at their work. Many women and children, paralyzed by fear and fright, were unable to get to the fire-escape and hung out of the windows screaming frantically for help. They were finally taken down the ladder by firemen.

Many women fainted from the excitement and a number of others, with several children, were unconscious from smoke. Those who fled to the roof found themselves in a dire predicament. They could not reach the adjoining building because of the wide space between the houses, and the firemen had all they could do to prevent several women from jumping to the street with their children and they could be rescued.

A ladder was bridged across the space from the building at No. 15 and the men, women and children were carried across. Ambulances were called from St. Catharine's Hospital and the unconscious women and children attended to.

Rushed to Hospital.

Quickly the injured were got to the hospital. There were many who were burned badly and who were treated at the homes of neighbors. From every source the police learned of persons who are missing. They and the firemen gave it as their opinion that more bodies will be found when the smoldering ashes cool.

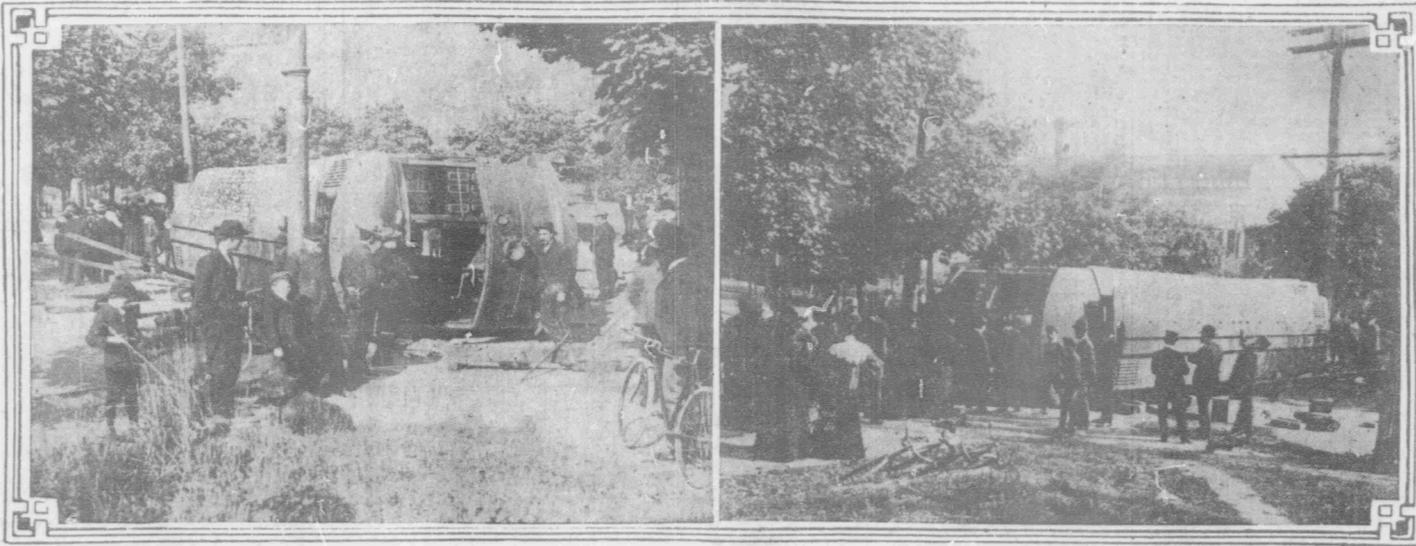
While the firemen and policemen were busy at the Moore Street fire the blaze at 102 Graham Avenue was got under control. The house is a tall, narrow building and the fire was broken into by thieves and robbers. Next came the fire at 102 Graham Avenue, a block away. This house is occupied by A. E. Rutis, hardware store. It also had been robbed before set on fire. The blaze in the hardware store did about \$500 damage.

While the firemen were investigating these three fires there came reports in the Stagg Street station that several barges had been committed in the neighborhood of the three buildings which the fires were in progress. It is the firm belief of the police that the three were started by the same incendiaries, who sought to rob while the police and firemen were busy.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON BITUMITHIC PAVING

Engineer Commissioner Biddle has recommended to the Commissioners that no action be taken at present in the matter of awarding to one of three bidders a contract for laying bitumithic pavement in the District this year. The bids are not rejected, but held up until next year, as it is thought to be too late in the season for awarding the contract this year. The three bidders will have to wait until next spring at least before the contest for the job is decided.

SCENES AT THE ECKINGTON TROLLEY CAR WRECK



Blocking the Way. Overturned Car Lying Across Both Tracks—A Wrecking Crew Quickly Opened Traffic.

Relic Hunters at Work. Crowds Visited the Spot Where the Car Left the Track Eager for Souvenirs.

RUSSIAN DEFEAT HAS BECOME NOW ALMOST A ROUT

General Meyendorff's Forces, Composing Right Flank, Are on the Run—Has Suffered Terrible Losses.

JAPANESE HAVE CAPTURED FOURTEEN OF ENEMY'S GUNS

Baltic Fleet Said to Be Coaling Off Copenhagen—Watched by a Danish Cruiser. Plans of General Gripenberg.

The battle around Yentai is still in progress. From dispatches coming in it looks as if it may soon develop into a rout for the Russians. Kuropatkin's men have forgotten Manchuria and are now battling desperately through pride. In their struggle they feel they must win one fight before the curtain is rung down on the bloody drama. Time and again Russian commanders hurled their men against the face of the enemy only to be mowed down by rows of Japanese artillery and regiments of marksmen. Now and then it is a repulse before a ferocious bayonet charge. The war seems to be giving way to slaughter. Wounded by the thousands are being brought into Mukden, while the dead and dying strewn the fields on all sides. The battle is proving one of the most frightful tragedies in history. No exact estimate of the loss of life can be gained except the prediction that it will pass fifty thousand.

Fourteen Russian Guns Fall Into Hands of Japs

TOKYO, Oct. 17.—Reports received from the seat of war this morning have it that fourteen more Russian guns were captured yesterday. Another report received from the neighborhood of Port Arthur asserts that the Russian fleet in the harbor is suffering severely from the shells of the Japanese land batteries. Reports received in the Russian capital today state that 23,000 wounded Russian soldiers have arrived in Mukden during the past week.

Gripenberg's Plans.

ROME, Oct. 17.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Central News wires that after a consultation with the Czar General Gripenberg has decided to mobilize 60,000 additional troops for the war. Manchuria, the paper asserts, will be abandoned for the present. A Russian note will probably be issued announcing to the powers the Czar's firm intention of continuing the war.

Baltic Fleet Coaling.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Central News wires that the Russian Baltic fleet, numbering twenty-four warships, is anchored in the southern part of the great belt for coaling purposes. The Danish cruiser Heimdal is keeping close observation on the fleet.

Russian Army Gets Away Through Mud and Rain

MUKDEN, Oct. 17.—The Russian army is now retreating almost unhampered. It will undoubtedly escape overwhelming disaster. There was some fighting yesterday ten miles southwest of Mukden, where the Russian right attacked the Japanese, but the main battle practically ended Saturday. The Japanese apparently are not advancing on Mukden. Their camps are visible about ten miles south of Mukden.

MAD LIEUTENANT KILLS ANOTHER AND HIMSELF

Judge Pritchard's Son Commits Murder and Suicide.

TRAGEDY AT MANILA

Fred L. Deen, of Thirteenth Cavalry, Victim of Madman's Bullet.

MANILA, Oct. 17.—Second Lieut. Wm. D. Pritchard, of the Thirteenth Cavalry, today killed Second Lieut. Fred L. Deen, of the same cavalry, and then committed suicide. The murder and suicide occurred at the camp at Stotsenburg.

Official Report.

General Atsworth, the military secretary, received the following dispatch from the commanding general of the Division of the Philippines, concerning the tragedy: "Manila, Oct. 17. 'Second Lieut. William D. Pritchard, while insane, shot Second Lieut. Fred L. Deen in the head, at 11 a. m. today. He then immediately shot himself through the head. Both officers dead.'"

His Fine Record.

Lieutenant Pritchard was twenty-six years old, and a son of United States Judge J. C. Pritchard, of Marshall, N. C., former United States Senator, and former Judge of the District of Columbia Supreme Court. The young officer had an excellent record, and rose to his position in the regular service through long service in the volunteer organization.

In Porto Rico.

In 1898 he entered the volunteer organization as second lieutenant in the Tenth United States Infantry. He was admitted to the regular service.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The tropical disturbance has evidently curved northward over Cuba, and appears to be central this morning over the Bahamas. Reports from Jupiter, Fla., and Nassau, however, are missing. Fair weather prevails in practically all parts of the country. The eastern area of high pressure continues to drift slowly east-southeastward, and tends to hold back both the tropical disturbance and the one central over northern Minnesota. A second area of high pressure covers the north Pacific coast and northern Hawaii. Generally fair and warmer weather is indicated for the next thirty-six hours in all parts of the Washington forecast district, except the lower lake region, where showers are probable.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 45
12 noon 45
3 p. m. 57
6 p. m. 59

DOWN TOWN.

(Registered at Advertiser's Standard Thermometer.)
9 a. m. 58
12 noon 59
3 p. m. 70
6 p. m. 70

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 5:21
Sun rises tomorrow 6:21
High tide today 2:50 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 2:10 a. m., 3:40 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 9:51 a. m., 10:21 p. m.

BIG TROLLEY CAR TURNS OVER AND ONE MAN KILLED

Was Crowded With Passengers Coming From Berwyn and Other Suburban Homes to Employment in City.

SEVERAL OF THE INJURED IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

Coming Down Grade, Car Refused to Take a Curve, Ran Off the Track, and Then Upset.

One man was killed and twenty-eight others were injured by the overturning of a big green trolley car at Fourth and T Streets northeast this morning at 7:27 o'clock.

The dead man was Edward R. Sprague, thirty-five years old, a compositor in the Government Printing Office. Others of the injured are in a serious condition, and may die.

Crowded with suburban passengers, City and Suburban car No. 409, bound from Berwyn, Md., was hurrying to the city. The car refused to take the curve at T and Fourth Streets northeast, and, running off the track, turned over.

Every seat at the time was occupied by a passenger, and the aisle and both platforms were crowded with suburban residents hurrying to their places of employment. There were probably seventy-five people on the car.

Investigation showed that a flange on the left front wheel of the car was broken. There was a heavy fog at the time.

There was no warning of the accident. The car was going down grade when in a second there was a jerk and a grating sound, and the passengers were thrown through the windows.

STANDING WITH THE MOTORMAN.

Sprague, the man who was killed, was standing on the front platform, together with the motorman and several other passengers. He was thrown through the side window of the vestibule and was caught under the car and held fast. The entire weight of the front of the car rested on his head and chest.

He was the only person caught beneath the wreck. All the other passengers forgot their injuries and went to his assistance. In spite of the strength of fifty or more men expected to lift the car, it could not be budged.

Signs of Life Found.

A derrick was finally brought from the Eckington car barn and the front part of the car was raised. There were some signs of life in the body, and the man was sent to the Homeopathic Hospital in a patrol wagon which had been summoned.

His skull had been fractured, and his chest crushed in so as to jam his lungs together and make breathing all but impossible. At 10:15 o'clock he died in agony. His wife was at the bedside.

Patrol wagons from the Eighth and Second precincts were called out, and ambulances from Freedman's and the Emergency Hospitals were also summoned. Policemen went with the patrol wagons and assisted the injured into the conveyances.

The women, most of them suffering from slight injuries and shock, played the part of nurses. Buckets of water were brought and dainty lace and silk handkerchiefs were used, together with pieces of undershirts, to wash the wounds and to bind them in order to stop the flow of blood.

Injuries Attended To.

Within a short time other cars came along. Some not seriously hurt who felt that their injuries should be attended to, boarded the cars and went to the Emergency Hospital. Three persons were taken to Freedman's Hospital in the ambulance.

One of the patients, Aloysius Senart, had his scalp torn entirely from his skull. He is in a precarious condition, although the doctors who attended him do not think he will die within the next twenty-four hours, if at all.

In less than an hour all the injured were either in hospitals or at their homes. Motorman Golvin and Conductor Edward Cwell disappeared from the vicinity of the accident several moments after it occurred.

DEAD.

E. R. SPRAGUE, forty-five years old, 238 Baltimore Street, Winthorpe Heights.

THE INJURED.

At Freedman's Hospital. JOSEPH E. GOODKEY, thirty-eight years old, of 122 Rhode Island Avenue northeast. Head severely cut. ALOYSIUS SENART, forty years old, 241 Frankfort Street, Langdon, D. C. Injured about the head and body. Scalp torn completely off. Not expected to live. MAUD NORRIS, a negro, eighteen years old, of 129 Seaton Street northeast. Injured about right leg and ankle.

At Sibley Hospital.

FRANK A. KING, Berwyn, Md. Skull fractured. Injured about face. May die, but taken home. W. E. ORTMAN, forty-five years old, of 129 Seaton Street northeast. Injured about face and body. Broken ribs; internal injuries; cut about face and body; broken wrist and injured knee.

At Emergency Hospital.

DANIEL R. REED, twenty-eight years old, Berwyn, Md. Bruises on head and body. RICHARD B. LATIMER, twenty-four years old, Hyattsville, Md. Injured about face and body. (Continued on Second Page.)

SECRET SERVICE MEN NOW GUARD COUNT CASSINI

Detailed by State Department to Protect Ambassador.

FEAR EXCITED CRANKS

Sleuth Stands Before Embassy Watching the House.

Secret Service men are guarding the Russian embassy on Scott Circle.

Anyone passing that neighborhood who might chance to notice a tall, hawk-eyed looking man apparently deeply engrossed in the scenery would probably take him for a tourist; but he is not. He is one of Uncle Sam's sleuths stationed there to protect the Czar's envoy from any danger from fanatics. Two Secret Service men take turns at the watch. When the Russian ambassador steps outside his residence they are alert.

The ambassador will now be shadowed by one of the Secret Service men wherever he goes. This guard has only been put in effect since the ambassador's return from Bar Harbor.

Detail Continued Here.

Secret Service men kept a lookout for him while he was in New York and it was decided to continue the same thing here on account of the present acute stage of the war in the Far East and the possible danger to the Russian representative in this country from cranks.

The Secret Service men are not from the White House force, but were detailed especially from New York for this duty. When on duty they spend most of their time in the park fronting the embassy, but their particular task is to follow the ambassador when he goes out on the street at night to the theater or in the daytime to post calls. The men are detailed by the State Department to watch the embassy.

Will Participate in Celebration of District Day.

A party of eight persons, among whom were three District Commissioners and two former Commissioners, left the Baltimore and Ohio station at 10:05 o'clock this morning en route for St. Louis for the purpose of participating in the celebration of District of Columbia Day at the St. Louis Exposition, which will be Wednesday next.

The members of the party were Mrs. H. L. West and Commissioner West; Commissioner Macfarland, Lieut. Horace Macfarland, U. S. N., brother of the Commissioner; Engineer Commissioner Biddle, Capt. Chester Harving, assistant to the Engineer Commissioner, and former Commissioners L. G. Hine and John W. Douglas.

They occupied the private car of the acting president of the Baltimore and Ohio, which was attached to the 10:05 o'clock St. Louis express.

Others on the Train.

On the train, but not in the private car, were Daniel E. Garges, private secretary to the Engineer Commissioner; Louis C. Wilson, private secretary to Commissioner West, and C. C. Lancaster, president of the Northwest Suburban Citizens Association.

The party will reach St. Louis tomorrow afternoon, and will return to Washington next Tuesday, leaving St. Louis next Monday morning.

The Commissioners left this city confident that the celebration of District Day will be memorable in the history of the exposition. They will be given the benefit of a military parade, in which all the uniformed forces on the grounds will participate, and they will receive special attention from the exposition management.

Large Crowd Expected.

The indications are that a large crowd of District residents will be present at the parade in the morning, and the regular District exercises in the afternoon. Assessor Darnelle left Washington for St. Louis last Saturday night. Disbursing officer C. C. Rogers will go this afternoon, and many private citizens are already in St. Louis, or on their way to the fair.

The United States Marine Band left yesterday afternoon for St. Louis, where it has been sent by the President in special honor of the District Day celebration.

The Commissioners announced this morning that the official program, as published in the Times yesterday, will be carried out on Wednesday.

ARENTS OUT OF DANGER.

GARDEN CITY, Oct. 17. George Arnts, Jr., injured by the overturning of his automobile in the Vanderbilt Cup race, continues to improve, and is out of danger.

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