

WONDERFUL RESCUE.

HOW SERGEANT VAUGHAN SAVED A LIFE AT A HOTEL FIRE.

A Member of the New York Department Who Endangered His Own Life to Save a Guest of the Hotel Royal Who Had About Given Up All Hopes.

Jacob A. Riis, author of "How the Other Half Lives," writes of "Heroes Who Fight Fire" in The Century. The article is one of the series "Heroes of Peace." Mr. Riis tells the following story of a heroic rescue at the Hotel Royal fire in New York some years ago: Sergeant Vaughan went up on the roof. The smoke was so dense there that he could see little, but through it he heard a cry for help and made out the shape of a man standing upon a window sill in the fifth story overlooking the courtyard of the hotel. The yard was between them. Bidding his men follow—they were five all told—he ran down and around in the next street to the roof of the house that formed an angle with the hotel wing. There stood the man below him only a jump away, but a jump which no mortal might take and live. His face and hands were black with smoke. Vaughan, looking down, thought him a negro. He was perfectly calm.

"It is no use," he said, glancing up. "Don't try. You can't do it."

The sergeant looked wistfully about him. Not a stick or a piece of rope was in sight. Every shred was used below. There was absolutely nothing. "But I couldn't let him," he said to me months after, when he had come out of the hospital a whole man again and was back at work, "I just couldn't, standing there so quiet and brave." To the men he said sharply:

"I want you to do exactly as I tell you now. Don't grab me, but let me get the first grab." He had noticed that the man wore a heavy overcoat, and had already laid his plan.

"Don't try," urged the man. "You cannot save me. I will stay here till it gets too hot, then I will jump."

"No, you won't," from the sergeant, as he lay at full length on the roof, looking over. "It is a pretty hard yard down there. I will get you or go dead myself."

The four sat on the sergeant's legs as he swung free down to the waist, so he was almost able to reach the man on the window, with outstretched hands.

"Now, jump—quick!" he commanded, and the man jumped. He caught him by both wrists as directed, and the sergeant got a grip on the collar of his coat.

"Hoist!" he shouted to the four on the roof, and they tugged with their might. The sergeant's body did not move. Bending over till the back creaked, it hung over the edge, a weight of 200 pounds suspended from and holding it down. The cold sweat started upon his men's foreheads as they tried and tried again, without gaining an inch. Blood dripped from Sergeant Vaughan's nostrils and ears. Sixty feet below was the paved courtyard. Over against him was the window, behind which he saw the back draft coming, gathering headway with lurid, swirling smoke. Now it burst through, burning the hair and the coats of the two. For an instant he thought all hope was gone.

But in a flash it came back to him. To relieve the terrible dead weight that wrenched and tore at his muscles he was swinging the man to and fro like a pendulum, head touching head. He could swing him up! A smothered shout warned his men. They crept nearer the edge without letting go their grip on him and watched with staring eyes the human pendulum swing wider and wider, farther and farther, until now, with a mighty effort, it swung within their reach. They caught the skirt of the coat, held on, pulled in, and in a moment lifted him over the edge.

They lay upon the roof, all six, breathless, sightless, their faces turned to the winter sky. The tumult of the street came up as a faint echo. The spray of a score of engines pumping below fell upon them, froze and covered them with ice. The very roar of the fire seemed far off. The sergeant was the first to recover. He carried down the man he had saved and saw him sent off to the hospital. Then first he noticed that he was not a negro. The smut had been rubbed off his face. Monday had dawned before he came to, and days passed before he knew his rescuer. Sergeant Vaughan was laid up himself then. He had returned to his work and finished it, but what he had gone through was too much for human strength. It was spring before he returned to his quarters, to find himself promoted, petted and made much of.

A Bureau of Courtesy.
"A curious innovation," says the Boston Transcript, "at the coming Omaha exposition will be a bureau of courtesy. Not only is the idea novel, but it is surprising to learn that nearly all the people of the city will be enrolled in the committee. Every member will wear a badge, and visitors will be at liberty to address any one who wears the badge and ask for information just as much as he likes. The member, on the other hand, will be pledged to treat the visitor courteously and answer his questions, or put him in the way of getting them answered."

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STATEMENT for the year ending December 31st A. D. 1897 of the conditions and affairs of the Lyvods Plate Glass Insurance Co. of New York, N. Y., organized under the laws of the State of New York, made to the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, in pursuance of the laws of said state.

President, William T. Woods.
Vice Presidents, Daniel B. Hulstead.
Secretary, Charles E. W. Chambers.
Principal office, 63 William St., New York.
Attorney for service in the State of North Dakota:
Name, Commissioner of Insurance.
Location, Bismarck, N. D.
Organized or incorporated, August, 1882.
Commenced business September, 1882.

CAPITAL.
Amount of capital stock paid up in full, \$250,000 00

ASSETS.
Value of real estate owned by the company, \$25,000 00
Loans on bonds and mortgages, \$20,000 00
United States stocks and bonds, \$29,350 00
Railroad bonds and stocks, \$9,408 87
State, city, county and other bonds, \$5,538 23
Bank stocks, \$14,750 00
Other corporation stocks, \$9,300 00
Cash on hand and in bank, \$7,361 65
Premiums in course of collection and transmission, \$5,654 04

Total Assets, \$714,627 78

LIABILITIES.
Gross claims for losses upon which no action has been taken, \$1,601 61

Total gross amount of claims for losses, \$1,601 61
Net amount of unpaid losses, \$1,601 61
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks, \$20,483 53
All other liabilities, plate glass and glazing, \$13,255 72

Total liabilities, \$216,946 86

Premiums received during the year in cash, \$385,934 53
Interest and dividends received during the year, \$15,558 63
Rents received during the year, \$13,943 66
Amount received from all other sources, profits and losses (suspense account), \$593 45

Total receipts, \$416,036 27

DISBURSEMENTS.
Losses paid during the year, \$124,725 27
Dividends paid during the year, \$0,000 00
Paid for commissions and brokerage, \$103,931 76
Paid for salaries, fees and all other charges, \$9,989 89
Paid for taxes, \$7,991 63

Total disbursements, \$376,538 55

NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS.
Total risks taken during the year, \$23,731 93
Total premiums received during the year, \$77 16
Total losses incurred during the year, \$214 33

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA.
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.
I, F. B. FANCHER, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the original statement now on file in this office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, this 8th day of April, A. D. 1898.

F. B. FANCHER,
Commissioner of Insurance.

SEAL. STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA.
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.
Whereas, The Lyvods Plate Glass Insurance Company of New York, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31st, 1897, conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regulating the business of insurance; and
Whereas, The said Company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of the insurance law aforesaid.

Now, therefore, I, F. B. FANCHER, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered, through its authorized agents to transact its appropriate business of Plate Glass Insurance in this State, according to laws thereof, until the 31st day of December, A. D. 1898.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck, this 11th day of February, A. D. 1898.

F. B. FANCHER,
Commissioner of Insurance.
By T. N. POOLE, Deputy.

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