

GAS DRIVES OUT SIXTY-SEVEN FAMILIES

Fumes from Leak Fill Tenement and Police Arouse Inmates by Beating in Doors with Nightsticks.

THREE LITTLE CHILDREN TAKEN OUT UNCONSCIOUS.

Women Clad Only in Nightclothes Shiver in Rain—Gas Company's Men Seek Leak—Fireman Refuses Information.

Three children were made unconscious and six families were driven into the streets by poisonous gas from the tenement at No. 232 Cherry street today.

John Ettinger, who keeps a candy store in the front of the ground floor of the building, was awakened about 5 o'clock this morning by the smell of gas.

Ettinger then went to the apartments of Morris Cohen, who lives with his wife and five children in the apartment opposite the store.

Police Arouse Tenants. Policeman Moran, of the Madison street station, and two other policemen responded.

Others awakened with fright and tore through the hallways screaming. The consequence was that there was a panic which was participated in by all who could realize the danger.

When the policemen saw that there was no one left in the choking gas-filled house they began a search for the gas leak. It was no use.

What seems to be the trouble? The foreman who was called by a reporter for The Evening World.

It is known that the meters were found to be in working order. The gas was coming from the pipes.

Her eighth birthday proved a most unhappy one for little Louise Feinbush, of No. 118 Throop avenue, East New York.

The accident occurred yesterday at a birthday party given in the little girl's honor.

Young gallant grasped hold of her and tried to steal a kiss. There was a slight tussle and Louise fell heavily.

JACOB HESS IS BURIED. Many Public Men Attend Services at Masonic Temple.

Funeral services in accordance with the Masonic ritual were held today over the body of Jacob Hess, former Republican leader in the Twenty-first Assembly District, who died last Friday in the main hall of the Masonic Temple.

The services were conducted by I. Frankenstein, master, and the members of Adelphi Lodge, F. and M. S., to which Mr. Hess had belonged.

STUDENT GIVES LIFE FOR FRIEND

Louis T. Dickinson, of Cornell, Drowns in Air Hole on Cayuga Lake, After Aiding in Rescue of His Classmate.

GRASPS SINKING MAN'S HAND AND ICE GIVES WAY.

Rope Is Thrown to Lads, but Young Dickinson's Strength Fails Him—He Sinks, While His Companion Is Saved.

Charles C. Dickinson, lawyer, banker, clubman and millionaire, received word that his son, Louis T. Dickinson, a Cornell student, had given his life to save his friend, and to-day the father, his head bowed in grief, but proud that his boy should have had such a death, is awaiting news that the body of his boy has been found in Cayuga Lake, Ithaca.

Young Dickinson was a senior at Cornell. Next year he was to have come to New York and gone into the practice of law.

He lost his life yesterday afternoon while skating with Ames G. Allen, of Chicago, and two other students named Van Nostrand and Ford, Allen skated toward an air hole and broke through into the water.

All Fell Into Water. Suddenly the ice gave way under his weight and he fell into the water. He clung to the sides of the hole with his hands and feet.

The situation was desperate. No one was in sight. The students began calling loudly for help.

Repe Slips from Him. Dickinson clung to the ice feebly, counting his strength.

Charles Dickinson, the brother, was seen at the Waldorf-Astoria to-day. He said that his brother had been found in the water.

Statement of Nones's Lawyer. Later in the day Nones saw his lawyer, Alfred Lauterbach, at the Savoy Hotel.

SUICIDE'S SECRET TOLD IN A LETTER

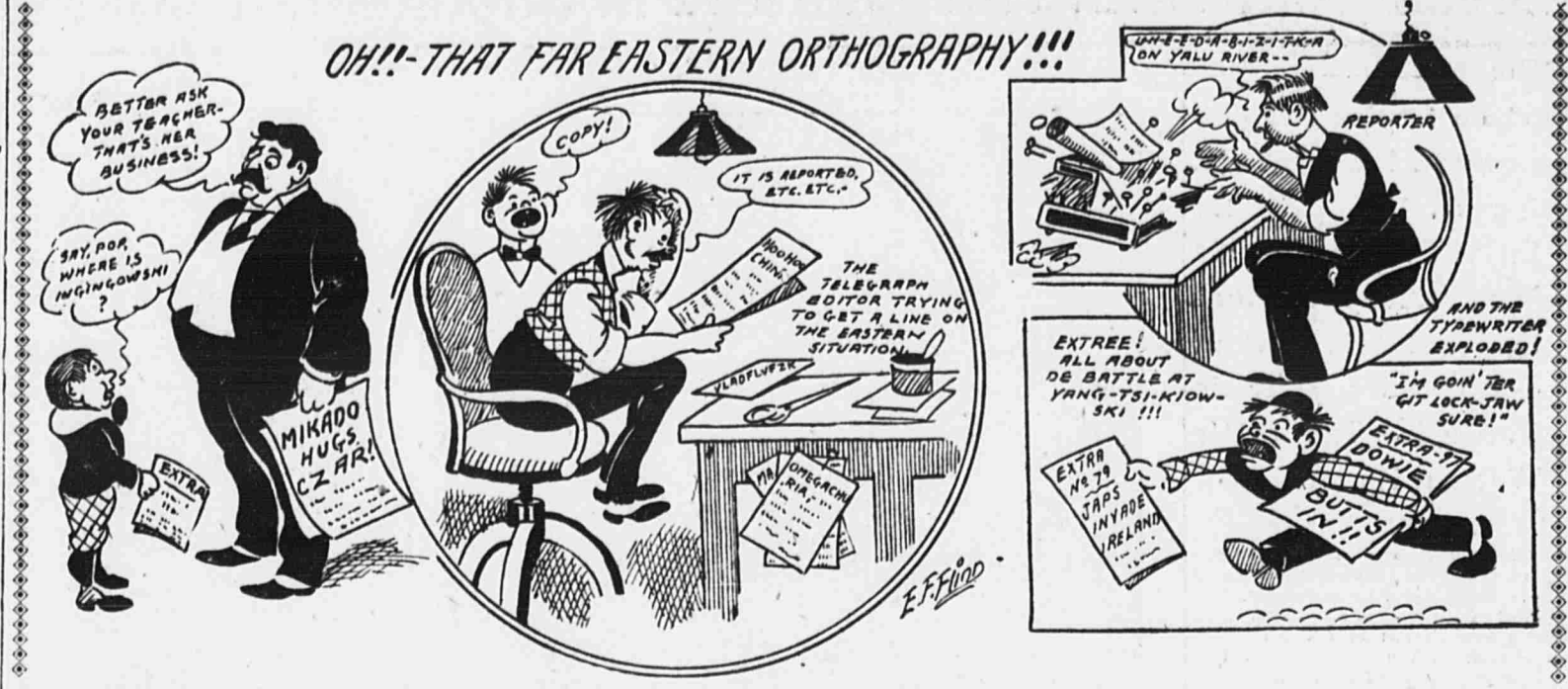
Mrs. Maria Kunzmann Wrote to Her Little Daughters, Telling Why She Ended Her Life by Taking Poison.

Mrs. Maria Kunzmann, the widow of John Kunzmann, a wealthy wholesale druggist, committed suicide to-day by taking carbolic acid at her home, No. 396 West End avenue.

This nurse, Emma Horn, left Mrs. Kunzmann in her room for a short time to-day. When she returned Mrs. Kunzmann was unconscious on the floor and the room was filled with the odor of carbolic acid.

MESSAGE FROM MINNETONKA. Steamer Signals by Wireless Telegram. The Atlantic Transport Line steamer Minnetonka, from London for New York, is reported as having been in communication by wireless telegraph forty miles east of Nantucket Lightship at 3.30 A. M. Will probably dock about 10 A. M. to-morrow.

SOME OF THE TROUBLES CAUSED BY UNPRONOUNCEABLE NAMES FOUND IN THE WAR DESPATCHES FROM CONFLICT IN THE FAR EAST.



BANKER NONES DEIES CRITICS

Former President of the Equitable National, Whose Late Cashier Is in Tombs: Asserts that His Record Is Clean.

Charles A. Nones, former President of the defunct Equitable National Bank, came to town to-day from the residence of his father-in-law, George B. Jacques, at Manassan, N. J., to answer certain intimations which have been made against his character in connection with the arrest of Charles F. Broach.

It has been charged that Nones induced two notes, one for \$5,000 and one for \$10,000, which Broach made and secured money on, and this was the only capital that the two young men had when they bought a controlling interest in the Equitable Bank.

Among other things it was charged that last August, when Broach was cornered in his crooked transactions and made a clean breast of it all, Nones went to Manassan and stayed in the home of his father-in-law.

Mr. Nones, who is only twenty-six years old, went to the home of his father in the Lenox, at Madison avenue and Sixty-third street, on his arrival here to-day and when seen there by an Evening World reporter said: "The only way to manage children is to let them know that you are watching them."

Statement of Nones's Lawyer. Later in the day Nones saw his lawyer, Alfred Lauterbach, at the Savoy Hotel. Mr. Lauterbach, in the presence of Mr. Nones said: "Five years ago Nones met Broach at Lakewood. Broach knew of Mr. Nones's scheme for getting control of the Equitable Bank and he could get the money on notes from the National Bank of Norwich, Conn., and turned it over to Mr. Nones, who gave Broach his own notes in return."

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CHASSER LORTIE'S AWFUL NIGHTMARE

Spirits Tell Brooklyn Man 200,000,000 People Will Soon Be at War and 66,000,000 Will Be Killed—Warns President Roosevelt and the Pope.

Chasser Lortie has had an awful nightmare or something. He is a Brooklyn man, who lives at No. 157 Miller-avenue, and he says that spirits have revealed to him dire disaster that is to convulse almost the entire civilized world.

The war between Russia and Japan, the spirits have told him, will soon involve two hundred million people. Two hundred million! Count 'em! To forestall this awful horror Lortie has written to President Roosevelt and Pope Plus and warned them that the Russo-Japanese war is the beginning of a conflict in which Japan, England and the United States are to be arrayed against Russia, Germany and France.

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Rule Children by "Sense of Touch." In Other Words, Spank Them Good and Hard, Is the Advice of Mrs. Silas P. Leveridge to Her Hearers.

Mrs. Silas P. Leveridge, of the School Board of District No. 4, is of the opinion that the only way to manage children is to let them know that you are watching them.

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TALES OF SPOOKS STIR WESTCHESTER

Colored Occupants of the Old Robert Finley Mansion, on Prospect Avenue, Watching for a Tall White Phantom.

Because Mrs. Mary Hicks, an aged woman, gave up her residence in the ancient Robert Finley mansion, now a dilapidated, crumbling house on the corner of Prospect avenue and Fort Schuyler road, Westchester county, and moved into the city some of her former co-tenants started the report that Mary had packed all her household goods and fled the wrath of a tall white ghost.

Now all of the colored society of that part of Westchester is laying for that same ghost, and if it ever shows himself or herself—for they say it is the hold-over shade of Katherine Reilly who died just as the present year was about to begin.

One day after grumbling at her lot for an hour or two she started the other tenants by declaring in deep sepulchral tones: "I heard strange noises up and down the great hall last night."

"Was it a ghost, a real live one?" asked Mrs. Hicks. "It certainly was," replied Mrs. Reilly. "Every day for a month Mrs. Reilly repeated that "strange noise" episode, improving it with fitting creatures and weird, shadowy things holding court on the hall balustrade.

Then Mrs. Reilly Died. But before the ghosts materialized Mrs. Reilly passed away on New Year's Eve. Then were heard noises like the blasts of many tin horns. There was in the air the smell of alcohol and all around the old home strange, uncanny things were seen.

It is the potential ghostly remains of Mrs. Reilly that have scared the colony these past few days. The gas that over anything that Mrs. Hicks or her friends have seen, but what they might see.

Old Broadway Building Breaks Out in Cold Sweat. The old Broadway Bank Building, at No. 237 Broadway, got jocular to-day, and for an hour or more had fun with the police and firemen.

CATHOLIC CHURCH BURNED. Building at Van Ness Damaged to Amount of \$2,000. The Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Solace, at Columbus avenue and Unionport road, Van Ness, was badly damaged early to-day by fire. Before the fire was extinguished \$2,000 damage had been done.

The parish of Our Lady of Solace was founded only six months ago. The building will eventually be a stone and frame structure, but so far only the basement and first story have been built. The fire was in this unfinished building.

DEATHS IN FIRE AROUSE LABOR

Brooklyn C. F. U. Demands that Responsibility Be Placed for the Fatalities When Brooklyn Chair Factory Burned.

SAYS BUILDING WAS NEVER INSPECTED.

Officials Are Called Upon to Take Immediate Action and It Is Believed the Grand Jury Will Take Matter Up.

The Central Labor Union of Brooklyn demands of Brooklyn city officials the placing of the responsibility for the loss of six lives occasioned at the fire in the Brooklyn Chair Company's factory, on Waverly avenue, Feb. 9.

It is understood that the matter of the death of the six factory employes will be brought to the attention of the Kings County Grand Jury and that State Superintendent John Mackin, of the Factory Department, be summoned before that body and questioned.

A representative of the Wood Turners' Union, who had made an investigation on his own account, brought the matter to the attention of the Central Labor Union at the regular Sunday meeting. He declared that the factory had formerly been an old church and had been reconstructed for factory purposes without regard to the factory or building laws or the protection of the several hundred men and women employed there.

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PRESIDENT OF RACE TRACK DYING

Thomas D. Reilly, Head of the Queens County Jockey Club, and a Well-Known Politician, Is Critically Ill.

Without something in the nature of a miracle should intervene, Thomas D. Reilly, President of the Queens County Jockey Club, will not live to see another day.

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Business matters connected with the opening of the Aqueduct race track in the spring called him back to New York and exposure caused pneumonia. His case was desperate from the beginning.

Dr. Hubbard, Dr. Williams, a third physician and Katharine, Mary and Madeline Reilly, sisters of the sick man, cared for him continually. It was thought yesterday that there had been a change for the better and hope of recovery was held out, but the change in the weather operated to aggravate the case.

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3 DIE IN CHICAGO THEATRE BLAZE

Another Playhouse Is Burned with Loss of Life, and Occupants of Hotel Adjoining Had Narrow Escapes.

FIFTY CARRIED DOWN. LADDERS TO THE STREET

Two of the Victims Were Overcome on Top Floor While Trying to Save a Woman, and All Died Together.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Three persons were burned to death to-day in a fire which partially destroyed the Alhambra Theatre Hotel and apartments, at Archer avenue, State and Nineteenth streets.

The victims, who were guests at the hotel, were William Fisher and Frank Beckman, of Cincinnati, and Ann Wells, of Chicago.

The fire is believed to have started from an overheated furnace in the basement of the Alhambra restaurant. The smoke soon filled the halls of the upper stories, and but for the night clerk, Philip Vinco, the firemen asserted there probably would have been a much greater loss of life.

The Alhambra Theatre is owned by Stairs & Haviland, owners of the Bijou, Columbus and other theatres in Chicago. The theatre around which the hotel was built was in compliance with the amended theatre ordinances, and new stage fittings and furnishings have been installed.

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FED ONIONS TO MONKEYS. Dad Boy Fined \$2 for His "Fau" in Central Park.

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