

VINCENT BROS. WAREHOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Building Contained Many Tons of Hay and Loss is \$18,000, Partly Insured.

Department Responded to Six Alarms During 48 Hours and Its Resources Were Taxed—Incendiary Blaze in East Side Tenement Being Investigated by Police— Household Supply Company Sustains Damage.

Six alarms during the 24 hours ending at 4 o'clock this morning found the fire department always on hand, but its members very much overworked and some of them exhausted with the arduousness of their labors today. The chief blaze was at Carbone and Washburn streets, at 3:50 o'clock, when the warehouse of Vincent Bros. was destroyed with its contents.

An incendiary fire in a tenement house on the East Side was a feature of the night's work. It will be recalled that in the basement of the Boston Household Supply Company, 127 and 1281 Main street, did damage to stock and building of \$1,000 and might have been much more had it not been for the quick action of the fire department. The store is located beneath the Union Business College in which night school was in session.

Henry Nason, a watchman at the West End Lumber yard, discovered at 3:50 this morning flames coming from the storage warehouse of Vincent Bros. a frame structure, 127 and 1281 Main street, filled with hay and straw. The department responded and after working for more than two hours got the fire under control. It will be recalled that the last spark will be extinguished, as the flames will smolder in the tightly baled bundles of hay and straw. The loss will be about \$18,000 with insurance of \$7,500.

The building was located between two lumber yards. The frame building of the Boston Household Supply Company is also nearby. All were constantly threatened by flying cinders.

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MINERS ADOPT THEIR PROGRAM

Basis for a Further Conference With Operators Decided Upon—Strike Not Likely.

(Special from United Press.)
Scranton, March 24.—The anthracite miners in tri-discussion here agreed at a conference last night on a full program which is to be carried out at the session to-day. The session opened at 9 a. m. The program will prevent a strike. It may bring an early adjustment. This program which the committee of mine workers will take to the operators in Philadelphia next week is:

"Recognition of the United Mine Workers in return for a three years renewal of the present agreement which the operators offer without any recognition of the union.

"Abolition of the conciliation board and direct dealing between miners locally and committees in adjustment of difficulties.

"Recognition of the Union in a broad sense and not to be so narrowly construed as to mean any particular set of men under their titles as the union representatives.

"No strike in the event of the operators refusing to grant some concessions to the miners conference committee. The strike vote among the miners will be held to determine the future policy."

The convention may change the program of the tri-discussion as framed last night but it is declared that the all important points will carry. President Lewis of the miners declares that a program has been arranged and says all will be left to the miners delegates.

New York, March 24.—Representatives of coal interests in New York, said to be close to the Civic Federation, said to-day that they believe that in case the operators do not make concessions to the anthracite miners at the coming conference in Philadelphia, the miners will appeal to President Taft to form a new anthracite strike commission. It is believed that this move is part of the miners' program.

President Roosevelt named the first committee in 1903 and the present working agreement of the miners and operators was renewed three years ago.

\$15,000 EACH FOR OUR LOCAL HOSPITALS

Appropriation Committee's Unanimous Report Which Will be Presented Within Few Days.

St. Vincent's and Bridgeport Hospitals Share Alike, the Committee Being Impressed With the Argument Advanced in Favor of Each.

(By Our Special Corres.)
Hartford, March 24.—Your correspondent learned to-day that the committee on appropriations, at a meeting held this forenoon, decided by an unanimous vote to recommend an appropriation of \$15,000 each for the Bridgeport Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital at Bridgeport. This appropriation in each instance covers the two fiscal years intervening between July 1, 1909, and July 1, 1911. The committee yesterday afternoon granted a hearing on the resolution making the appropriation for St. Vincent's Hospital. Those who appeared in favor of it from Bridgeport were Attorney Edward F. Hallen, Sheriff S. E. Hawley, Mayor Henry C. Judge, Carl Foster, City Attorney Thomas M. Cullinan, Attorney Jacob B. Klein, Attorney William A. Redden, John A. Hurley, president of the Board of Education, and Elmer S. Banks of Fairfield. The reports of the committee relating to hospitals are invariably accepted. It may be assumed that the report in favor of the two Bridgeport institutions will become a law.

BRIDGEPORT'S CITY COURT

Action on Hull and Gould Report Postponed to Tomorrow.

On Motion of Senate Leader Searles—Gave a Technical Constitutional Reason for Postponement.

(By Our Staff Corres.)
Hartford, March 24.—The Senate today by a unanimous vote made the Bridgeport City court fight the special for the day for tomorrow (Thursday, March 25) at noon. The reason why the question was not disposed of today, according to Senator Searles, Senate leader, was because of a defect in the committee's report. The report provided that Elbert O. Hull and Robert H. Gould shall hold the offices of judge and deputy judge, respectively, of the City court of Bridgeport, for a term of two years from March 9, 1909.

In an interview with a Farmer representative after the fire S. E. Vincent said: "I want to express my appreciation of the good work done by the fire department. By their prompt and energetic action they prevented much loss. There were several cars of goods in the immediate vicinity of the burning building which would certainly have been destroyed if they had not been moved by the firemen. We are glad that the good work done by the fire department is being recognized by the public. We will be able to fix the exact amount of the loss in a few days. The stock totaled between \$1,000 and \$12,000. There was an insurance of \$5,500 on this. The building was insured for \$100,000 in the Goodsell agency. Middle St. Siles E. Goodsell of the firm was here early this morning. He looked over the damage and said that we were entitled to the whole amount. Before the firemen had left we had the check for \$2,000. This I believe is the largest payment on an insurance loss. We appreciate it very much."

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BUILDING PERMITS Commissioners Authorize New Structures — Value \$12,925.

Building permits to the estimated value of \$12,925 were issued last night by the Board of Building Commissioners. The biggest project in the list is a four-family frame dwelling for John Deschazy, with two stories, to be built on Spruce street, at a cost of about \$5,000.

Thomas Arnold was given permission to reconstruct steel building in Dutch Lane, east of Main street, at the foot of High street. The building was until recently used by the Union of Carbridge Co.

Archibald McNeil, frame veranda to residence, south side of Fairfield avenue, between Norman and Yale streets.

W. R. Clark, brick addition for photographic studio, north side of Fairfield avenue.

BLACK HAND LEADER SHOT AND KILLED

New York, March 24.—Joseph Genmar, whom the police allege to have been one of the leaders of the so-called Black Hand gang in Brooklyn, was shot and instantly killed on De Gruy street in the heart of the Italian quarter to-day. The police arrested Jose Serrocetto, a saloon keeper whose place was the headquarters of a gang on Sunday.

SUSPECTS IN KIDNAPPING CASE ARE HELD

Man and Woman Arrested at Cleveland Undoubtedly Concerned in Crime. Most of the Ransom Money Found on Woman's Person.

Little Billy Whitla Goes to See If He Can Identify Them — Suspects Give Names of G. H. Boyle and Helen Falkner—Will Be Turned Over to Pennsylvania.

(Special from United Press.)
Cleveland, March 24.—When Billy Whitla stepped off the train from Sharon this afternoon he identified photographs of the man and woman who gave the names of J. H. Boyle and Helen Falkner, now under arrest at the police station, as his kidnappers.

Cleveland, March 24.—The names G. H. Boyle and Helen Falkner were given to the police this morning by the man and woman detained last night in connection with the kidnapping of Billy Whitla. "Falkner" was Mrs. Whitla's name before her marriage and this fact tends to confirm the suspicion of those who have said all along that the kidnapping was accomplished by someone connected with the Whitla family. The police are sure they have either the kidnappers themselves or their most important confederates.

The most telling evidence of their guilt is the money found on the woman, \$9,848, and the fact that it was wrapped just as Whitla says he wrapped the ransom money.

When brought face to face with the boy and accused by him it seems to be the intention of the pair to deny their guilt. The nearest to a confession thus far has been an exclamation of the woman: "There'll be a pay in Sharon when Buhl hears of this." She referred to Frank H. Buhl, millionaire uncle of the boy.

The police are now seeking the accomplices of the kidnappers in Sharon, for they are certain the crime could not have been carried off without their help. At the same time they have warned the Sharon authorities to guard Billy closely for the woman this morning threatened trouble for someone in the family.

Billy Whitla was held a captive in an apartment house on one of the principal streets of Cleveland, barely a mile from the center of the city. From his description the police were able to recognize it. The man and woman were locked up just before midnight, formally charged with the kidnapping.

At 202 Prospect avenue is a rather handsome apartment house called the "Garden of Eden." It was here that the police concluded that this was the place of his captivity. Yesterday they visited the place and talked with the couple now under arrest, but through a mistake failed to make any arrest then. This may have lulled the suspects for a moment, but they are now being watched closely.

Frank Wood shadowed the pair to a saloon when they came out to the arrest. Just outside the police station the man tried to break away and after a chase he stumbled and fell and was captured.

When the police searched the only money found on them was \$68 in currency carried by the man. Then the police started on the woman's person. Concealed on the woman's clothing she found \$9,848. The money was tied in \$500 packages with pink tape bearing the name of Lawrence J. Saratoga.

While no identification of the bills by numbers has yet been made Mr. Whitla said over the telephone early to-day that the ransom money was wrapped up in the same manner as the money found.

When asked if he would prosecute the kidnappers if they are identified, Mr. Whitla said: "You bet your life I will."

"We could have arrested these people yesterday," said Chief Kohler to Kohler. "If Whitla had answered a letter written him by them we could have taken the kidnappers into custody. Whitla did not seem to want to act with us. We will turn the prisoners over to Pennsylvania authorities as soon as they get here," said Kohler. "It's up to them to prosecute."

The arrest was finally made on a tip given the police by Patrick O'Reilly, a saloon keeper. The couple had planned to leave town at once. They visited O'Reilly's saloon and bought a number of drinks. The man told O'Reilly that he was having trouble in the city and he was leaving secretly. He asked O'Reilly to escort his "lady friend" to a depot. He himself planned to take an auto to Shelby and catch a train. Four train for the west there, O'Reilly refused to escort the woman or to permit his bartender to do so. He notified the police and the man and woman were taken as they were starting for the station.

Sharon, Pa., March 24.—"Billy" Whitla, accompanied by his father, James P. Whitla, his uncle, Frank Buhl, and Chief of Police Crane will leave at 11:2 o'clock this morning over the Erie Railroad for Cleveland to view the two suspects said to be Helen Falkner and James Boyle now held in that city.

Chief Kohler this afternoon said that J. H. Boyle under arrest charged with the kidnapping has admitted he is a gambler residing in Sharon and that the woman calling herself Helen Falkner is his wife.

John Boyle, secretary of the County Building Commission, this afternoon identified the man as a distant relative. He says he lives in Sharon and that the name he gives is correct.

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WALL STREET TO DAY.

(Special from United Press.)
11 a. m.—After the irregularity in the first 15 minutes in which some fractional declines were sustained, the market developed general strength and prices in the balance of the hour moved upward. Local transactions rallied from 1/2 to 2 points from their early losses.

Noon.—At midday the market ruled strong with prices generally showing gains of one point over yesterday's close.

CRAZED MOTHER DROWNS HERSELF AND HER TWO YOUNG CHILDREN

Bodies of Mrs. Amos Miller and Boy and Girl Found in Farmington River.

Left Home Last Night Leaving Note Threatening Suicide—Husband and Neighbors Kept Up Frantic Search Till Bodies Were Found This Morning.

(Special from United Press.)
Westport, Conn., March 24.—A double murder and suicide were revealed today with the finding of the bodies of Mrs. Amos Miller and her two children, a boy and girl, aged 3 and 6 respectively, in the Farmington river near this place.

When the husband, Mr. Amos Miller, a contractor, returned from work last evening, his wife and family were missing. He found a note on the table signed by his wife, informing him of her intention of drowning herself and her two children. He was filled with anxiety the unhappy man roused the entire neighborhood and searched the banks of the river until a late hour when he was compelled to desist on account of the darkness.

According to the coroner, the crime was committed late yesterday afternoon as the bodies had been in the water about fifteen hours. The bodies were found a short distance from where the woman had walked into the river, having caught on one of the numerous snags. From all appearances the woman had bound the children together and then fastened the rope to her body after which she deliberately waded out into the stream.

IMBECILES MAKE MUCH TROUBLE

Escape from the Lakeville Home, Walk to Bridge- port, Dodged the Officer, But Are Finally Returned.

Alexander Morrissey, investigator of the Charities department, went to New Haven on Monday to take John Tobin and Irwin Brunt back to the Home for Imbeciles at Lakeville from which place they escaped the Wednesday before. The young men were supposed to be at the home of Brunt's father in New Haven but they had disappeared before Mr. Morrissey arrived.

This placed the investigator in a bad position. Undaunted he started out on a tour of investigation and in the middle of the morning he found Tobin and Brunt on Congress avenue. He brought both to Bridgeport where they were held till yesterday when Mr. Morrissey accompanied them to Lakeville. Brunt is an epileptic. He lost one of his ears when struck by a locomotive several years ago. At the Canaan railroad station he was taken into custody by the police and taken to the Home for Imbeciles at Lakeville. He was held till yesterday when Mr. Morrissey accompanied them to Lakeville. Brunt is an epileptic. He lost one of his ears when struck by a locomotive several years ago. At the Canaan railroad station he was taken into custody by the police and taken to the Home for Imbeciles at Lakeville. He was held till yesterday when Mr. Morrissey accompanied them to Lakeville.

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