

FIREMEN DASH INTO STIFLING SMOKE.

Imperil Their Own Lives to Rescue Others from a Greene Street Building.

Merchant Cohen and Two of His Workmen Are Carried Senseless from the Third Floor.

Overcome by Smoke, They Are Bravely Rescued by Chas. Behrens, Geo. Geiger and Another Hero.

NARROW ESCAPE OF OTHER PERSONS

Mr. Rosengardt Nearly Perishes Before He Reaches the Ground by the Aid of Firemen—Loss by the Fire is Small.

A fire, which started from some unknown cause shortly after 6 o'clock last night in the basement of the seven-story brick building, No. 163 Greene street, gave members of the Fire Department a chance to show their bravery by rescuing a number of persons from the burning building. One of the inmates was badly burned in attempting to escape.

Of the persons in the building at the time of the fire all escaped by the stairway directly in the rear of the elevator well, with the exception of Morris Rosengardt, of Rosengardt & Co., manufacturers of clothing, and several of his employees. The latter were at work on the sixth floor. When they attempted to escape they found the stairway impassable because of the smoke.

They started in a panic-stricken way for the front window, but there were no fire escapes and the frightened employees had to turn back and rush for the rear fire escapes. A trimmer named Ganthony and two others reached the fire escape and got half way down when they were assisted the rest of the journey by the firemen.

CUT OFF FROM ESCAPE

The other persons, including Mr. Rosengardt, found themselves cut off from escape from the rear windows by the smoke, and they made a dash for the stairways, intending to take chances on reaching the street. Mr. Rosengardt cautioned his employees to wrap wet cloth about their heads before beginning the descent. He said they took their lives in their hands in starting for the street.

Mr. Rosengardt's partner, Samuel Cohen, was calling from the floor below just as the men were going to try to reach the street. The employees and Rosengardt decided to join him, and made a simultaneous move toward the stair case. Familiar with the turnings, the employees succeeded in reaching the fifth floor. Cohen and Rosengardt decided to go to the fresh air at one of the front windows before resuming the journey downward. The employees, however, continued their wild flight downstairs, and all but two of them managed to reach the street, half suffocated. They staggered out on the walk and fell exhausted in the snow. Two of them got no further than the third floor, and were afterward rescued by firemen.

The partners became separated in the building, and Cohen was left on the fifth floor. He subsequently reached the third floor, where he fell exhausted.

HEMMED IN BY FLAMES.

Rosengardt was hemmed in by flames on one of the lower floors, which he had reached, and in fighting his way to a place of safety was badly burned about the face and hands. He groped his way to a rear window and sank down, half unconscious. Firemen climbed upon the roof of an extension and then to Rosengardt's side, when they carried him and carefully lowered him in a sling to the yard. He was then groaning and writhing with pain.

He was carried to a drug store, where he was attended until the arrival of Dr. O'Gorman, of St. Vincent's Hospital, to which institution the injured man was taken.

RESCUED THREE MEN.

The report reached the firemen that the two employees and Cohen were still imprisoned in a room on the third floor, from the windows of which dense volumes of black smoke were pouring forth. Quick to act, three members of Hook and Ladder Company No. 20 raised a ladder against the front of the building and climbed to the third-story window. They disappeared in the thick, black smoke.

The anxious crowd in the street thought an hour elapsed before the firemen reappeared. They had really been gone but a few minutes, but that was time enough for them to ascertain that three senseless forms were lying near the rear windows. The firemen had concluded to fill their lungs with fresh air before making the attempt at rescue.

"Any one in the building?" called out the foreman of No. 20 from the street.

One of the firemen held up three fingers of his right hand.

A dozen ladders sprang for scaling ladders, and the life net was stretched beneath the windows.

While the reserve force of life savers was swarming on the front of the building the three firemen at the windows disappeared inside. It seemed like an age before they reappeared at the windows, first one, then a second, then the third, each bearing in his arms the almost lifeless form of a man.

A great shout went up from the people in the street.

Carefully the firemen lifted the unconscious men out of the windows and carried them down the ladders to the street.

One of the rescued men was Partner Cohen. The other two were employees, Polish workmen. The fresh air quickly revived the men, who were taken home. Cohen had a cut on the head, caused by falling half way down the stairs. The two employees were found lying under the stairway, overcome by the smoke.

One of the brave firemen refused to give his name. The companions were Charles Behrens and August Geiger.

The fire originated in the basement, which is occupied by Joseph Rosenthal, dealer in feathers. He also uses a part of the ground floor. When discovered, the fire was burning briskly in the front part of the basement and directly under the hatchway for the freight elevator, at the main entrance. This hatchway, which is boarded all the way, runs to the roof, and openings at each floor overlook the well. Up this chimney the smoke rushed and spread through all the floors.

The fire was confined to the basement and ground floors. The loss was \$5,000.



Enjoying the Sleighting in Central Park.

There were two phases of the big storm which, speeding from its Texas birthplace, yesterday, covered all the city with a garment of snow. To Central Park New Yorkers hastened in sleighs of all sorts and conditions, to take advantage of the sleighing while it should endure. In the lower part of the city the storm laid a heavy hand on traffic, delaying street cars, making tardy the laden trucks in reaching their destinations, and, in some few instances, minor accidents resulted from its caprice.

HANNA SURE OF MCKINLEY'S TRIUMPH.

The Ohioan's Manager Enthusiastic Over the General Outlook.

Sees No Possibility of Defeat, and Says the Major is Equally Confident.

Capture of Delegates in Morton's Stronghold Was Especially Gratifying to Them.

"EVERYTHING IS COMING OUR WAY."

Many Important State Conventions to Be Held This Week, He Thinks, Will Upset the Plans of "Our Friends the Enemy."

Cleveland, Ohio, March 16.—Mark A. Hanna, the financial and political sponsor of Major McKinley, never so firmly expressed his conviction that McKinley would be nominated at St. Louis as he did today.

"I cannot understand," said Mr. Hanna, "why it is that party leaders are against Major McKinley. They all know and acknowledge that he stands higher than any other man, for all Republicans are for the one great issue the party has on which to go into the campaign. The party stands for what is best for the people, and the ex-Governor stands for what is best in the party."

"Major McKinley is modest. He feels assured of the nomination, and feels satisfied with the way his campaign is being conducted. He says that the demand for him among the masses is not due to his personality, but to the issues which he represents. The drift of popular favor has started and it cannot leave the channel which it is following. I believe Major McKinley will be nominated at St. Louis and triumphantly elected."

"Love feasts are good for the soul, especially during a Presidential campaign. They are a panacea that I have learned to relish, and it was a little of that relish that I was after when I telephoned to Mr. McKinley to spend Sunday with me. He arrived on schedule time and my house seemed to be the objective point of nearly every reporter in town. But I don't care. Never was happier in my life. Everything is coming our way."

BEAUFORT NEWS GAVE JOY. "We talked over the general status of the political situation. Major McKinley was pleased over the victory at the Buffalo caucuses, when two delegates were captured in Morton's stronghold. It was a great stroke. It came so easy, you know, without going after it. Funny thing, too, as we never had worked in that State. That victory was a people's victory, pure and simple. It was a complete defeat for the bosses," as they are called.

"Look at Senator Anderson, who declares that, even though a Presidential aspirant himself, he warmly admires Major McKinley and thinks that he is the logical candidate for the place. I tell you that they are coming around. This morning I got a dispatch saying Escambia County, in Alabama, had instructed delegates to the State and district conventions for McKinley. A GUY.

We have Wisconsin solid. Tennessee is rapidly coming our way, with chances that Nebraska will swing into line. Oklahoma is an unknown quantity, with the odds in our favor.

"At no time in the campaign have I felt so confident of success as now. McKinley's Marquette Club speech outlined his position on the tariff, the money problem and his attitude toward the workmen and at lobbies. It made a hit. I feel

satisfied that he will have a majority of the California delegates. All through the West, where the sentiment has not been heretofore crystallized, a sure and steady growth for McKinley has been noticed.

PRESENT WEEK IMPORTANT.

"This week conventions will be held in the States of Minnesota, New York, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Massachusetts. The opposition thinks that Reed will carry Massachusetts and New Mexico, Morton, New York; Davis, Minnesota and South Dakota, and Allison, Texas. These are the plans of our friends the enemy, but it will be interesting to see how well their plans have been carried out at the end of the week."

The opinion has been expressed among many that the sentiment of the Republican party toward the tariff, had been modified to some extent, but according to a declaration by Mr. Hanna, this impression is erroneous. Sal O'Mr. Hanna:

"The Republican policy of protection will be the same as it was in 1892."

Mr. Hanna received a telegram from Walter Flannigan, the well-known Texas politician, this morning, as follows: "Every county in the Third District, has instructed for McKinley." This betrays the election of Flannigan as a delegate to the St. Louis convention.

Mr. Hanna also declared to-day that the voters of New England are by no means unanimous in their allegiance to Reed, as may be imagined. He said that he had also received very encouraging advices from Wisconsin this morning. The Milwaukee convention takes place next Tuesday, and the chances are, according to Mr. Hanna, that the delegates will be instructed for McKinley.

Scholarship Leans to Morton. Middleburgh, March 16.—The Republican county convention to elect delegates to the State Convention to-day selected those who favor the candidacy of Governor Morton.

Morton First, McKinley Second. Fonda, N. Y., March 16.—The Republicans of Montgomery County met here to-day and elected delegates to the State Convention favorable to Morton's candidacy. As a second choice the delegates sounded the praises of McKinley.

All Instructed for Morton. Little Falls, N. Y., March 16.—The Twenty-fifth Congressional Convention, which met here to-day to elect delegates to the State Convention, instructed for Morton unanimously.

McKinley May Split Erie County. Buffalo, N. Y., March 16.—Conventions to elect delegates to the Republican State Convention were held in the eight Assembly districts of Erie County to-day. No attempt was made to instruct the delegates as to their action at the State Convention, but some are for McKinley and will do everything they can to have the delegates-at-large from New York to the National Convention vote for the favorite son of Ohio. There was no opposition at the conventions, which were as quiet as any ever held in the county.

Monroe Solid for the Governor. Rochester, N. Y., March 16.—The last of the Monroe County delegates to the State Convention were chosen to-day. This county will have a solid delegation of twenty-five members strongly in favor of Morton's candidacy.

Ohio Democrats Want Campbell. Columbus, Ohio, March 16.—The Democratic city convention to-day adopted a resolution endorsing ex-Governor James E. Campbell for the Presidency.

Milwaukee Wants McKinley. Milwaukee, March 16.—The Fourth District Republicans met this morning and nominated delegates to St. Louis. Strong resolutions were adopted instructing the delegates to vote for William McKinley as the Republican Presidential nominee.

City Workmen Underpaid. The engineers and firemen employed by the Park Department on Macomb's Dam Bridge, the Harlem River Bridge, the Arsenal and the Aquarium at Castle Garden claim that they are paid less than standard wages, which is contrary to law. A committee of the Executive and Industrial Unions and the Firemen's Union was appointed yesterday to see President Cruger of the Park Board, and lay the grievance before him. Some time ago a law was passed that employees on all city work should be paid the standard wages of their respective trades. If the application to President Cruger is not successful, the unions will appeal to the courts.

FROM FAR TEXAS CAME THE STORM.

Whirling Snowflakes in Its Train Fell Thick Over All the City.

Silver Sleigh Bells in Upper Fifth Avenue and the Park Told of Merriment.

CAUSE OF ANNOYANCE ELSEWHERE.

Snow and Sleet Clogged the Wheels of Traffic, Made Exertion Burdensome, and Spread Snares for Careless Feet.

The storm that came from Texas, with a foot of snow in its wake, has proved the biggest and nastiest of the year.

Beginning Sunday afternoon with an innocent flurry of light flakes, it grew in force until yesterday the whole city was sheeted from end to end. Then came the gradation from snow to hail, and finally to rain that made a mire of slush in the streets, later to become an ocean of mud.

It was a trying day for New Yorkers. Traffic was in many places congested, and everywhere delayed. The tempers of men and the feelings of beasts suffered exceedingly. That was the case, though, only in the regions of the city set apart for the tollers and drudges. Elsewhere was a bright side to the storm, and many welcomed its coming with delight.

People who enjoy sleighing and have the means for their gratification had a glorious day of it. All of Fifth avenue above Forty-second street had been left untouched by the street cleaners in order that the sleighs should have due precedence of other vehicles.

The Park was filled with them from early morning until late night. All sorts and conditions of sleighs were there speeding over the long white driveways, with the bells jangling merrily on every hand. Of course, there were innumerable swell turn-outs on runners passing up and down the avenue during the afternoon that had been waiting all winter for a really good opportunity for displaying themselves.

RAIN CAST A BLIGHT. The rain put a damper on the enjoyment of those sanguine spirits that had looked forward to a solid week of the sport, as had their attendants. The rain was a disappointment for McKinley and will do everything they can to have the delegates-at-large from New York to the National Convention vote for the favorite son of Ohio. There was no opposition at the conventions, which were as quiet as any ever held in the county.

Most of the wagons and men that Contractor Tate had out were working on Broadway, and the snow sweepers of the cable road were going up and down continually. Colonel Waring's crossing sweepers had a very hard time to keep their crossings in even passable condition for pedestrians, under the circumstances.

The temperature suffered a considerable fall during the day, and got as low as 28 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The early morning temperature was 22.

RAILWAYS ENCOMBERED. The delay in traffic was badly felt on the street railways. Superintendent Robinson and Chief Inspector Michael Kelly, of the Third avenue road, were up all night and the powerful ploughs of that line have been run over the entire road regularly. The same system has had the like good effect on the Broadway road. There was a report of trouble on the Third avenue road, but it concerned the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street branch, and that part of it well up on Amsterdam avenue, where the heavy wind that prevailed during the night and which it now growing stronger piled the snow in drifts.

The horse roads were somewhat hampered. The one running through West street was much troubled by truckmen, who were obliged to run on the tracks of the railroad company because its snowploughs had piled such a quantity of the flakes alongside the tracks that the men hardly dared attempt driving to one side as was in imminent danger of turning over.

All the East Side lines using the horse as power experienced inconvenience, and especially the East Broadway line, for that thoroughfare is the route used by the East Side tradesmen and teamsters on their way down town. Unlike the other companies, they were unprepared for a continuance of the storm, and in many instances a fallen horse caused a delay of from five to fifteen minutes. Several bad blockades, necessitating tedious delays, were caused along the route of the Madison avenue line; for, despite the fact that on this, as on other roads, four horses were used to each car, their shoes did not seem to have been properly sharpened for the emergency.

THE RAIN PLEASED WARING. Colonel Waring was looking jubilant yesterday afternoon when the rain began falling. He had got a \$100,000 additional appropriation from the Board of Estimate in the morning and was wondering whether it would go round.

"It is the biggest snow we've had this year," said the Colonel, "and will tax our energies greatly unless this rain continues to help us out."

"No, we have had no trouble about getting men. Contractor Tate had them at work early this morning, and everything goes smoothly as possible."

Contractor Tate explained that he had 1,500 men at work and he reckoned on getting out 20,000 cartloads of snow before night.

All the men in the section of the city below Broome street, said he, "will be kept at work during the night, clearing up the business streets. Those who are at work above that limit will drop work at 6 o'clock."

"It is a very hard snow to get rid of, as the rain has soaked it and packed it and made it unusually heavy."

Fifth avenue, he said, was left as it was, in compliance with many applications sent to Colonel Waring asking that one thoroughfare be left to the sleighers.

The \$100,000 that Colonel Waring got from the Board of Estimate was in the form of a transfer of funds from the appropriation for sweeping.

After the adjournment of the Board's meeting in the morning there was a discussion, informally, of the garbage contract matter, during which some hot words passed between the Colonel and Mr. Barker.

"You seem to think you are superior to the Board of Estimate," exclaimed Mr. Barker, "but you'll find yourself mistaken."

As an upshot of the discussion, Colonel Waring intends to advertise for bids for both the sweeping and the garbage contracts to-day.

SOME STORM CASUALTIES. There were many accidents and curious incidents occurring about the city during the day, due to the storm's work.

A float owned by the Lehigh Valley Railroad, on which there were five cars loaded with oranges, was sunk at Pier 2, North River, in the early morning. The float sprang a leak about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. There were three hundred boxes of oranges in each car, valued at \$300, and the total loss will be about \$3,500. The Chapman Wrecking Company's tug Reliance got to work on the cars yesterday morning and soon had one of them raised. They expect to recover the others by nightfall. The consignees of the fruit say that they do not expect that the oranges will be much damaged by the soaking.

Henry Orme, twenty-eight years old, a fireman on the steamer Germanic, Pier 45, North River, slipped and fell through a hatchway and had his skull fractured yesterday morning. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Patrick Corcoran, thirty-nine years old, of No. 34 Clarkson street, while attempting to walk up a skid to the steamer Germanic, at Pier 45, North River, yesterday, slipped and fell, breaking his left leg. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Phillip Mahoney, thirteen years old, of No. 189 Broome street, while shovelling snow in front of his home, accidentally struck Abraham Deutschmender, eight years old, of No. 105 Clinton street, in the face. The boy's cheek was cut. He was attended at home.

Fanny McGovern, forty-five years old, of No. 656 Tenth avenue, fell on the pavement in front of her home and received a scalp wound. She was attended at her home by an ambulance surgeon.

Charles Marcher, forty-eight years old, of No. 47 Seventh avenue, fell in front of No. 106 Broadway, and received a contusion of the right hip. He was taken to Hudson Street Hospital.

Charles Galtier, of the St. Denis Hotel, missed his footing while attempting to board a car at Columbus avenue and Eighty-eighth street, and fell in front of a snow sweeper and was pushed along several yards. He was taken to Roosevelt Hospital. He was not injured, but merely suffered from shock.

The comparatively small number of accidents was due chiefly to the lack of wind.

On the river all the craft were moving at half speed, the pilots feeling their way carefully through the blinding mist and snow.

Trains on the various railroads entering the city were all more or less delayed, though no serious blockades were reported. An hour's deviation from schedule time was about the extreme limit of intenses.

LIES LIKE ONE DEAD.

Remarkable Case of Suspended Animation in a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy in Massachusetts.

Newburyport, Mass., March 16.—A most remarkable case of suspended animation has just come to light in this city. Hugh McGlew, a thirteen-year-old boy, was taken ill some time ago. Dr. Healy, the family physician, was called, and after a thorough examination of the boy failed to diagnose the case. The boy has lain in bed for six weeks in a comatose state. There is no perceptible movement of the heart and no visible sign of breathing. The limbs appear rigid like those of a person who is dead. That there is life in the body is shown when the physician pinches the flesh, which always responds with a twitching of the part of the body operated upon.

The attendants have been able to force nourishment a few times in the boy's mouth, and at these intervals he has apparently regained to a small degree of animation, but he would shortly relapse into his former lethargic slumber.

During his long sleep he has not spoken a word, but at intervals his lips have opened as if he was struggling to speak. Dr. Healy says he considers the case a medical phenomena and can call it nothing but suspended animation. He believes that the boy will recover from the strange and peculiar ailment. The case is attracting widespread attention throughout this section among the medical fraternity and the general public.

DISABLED BY A KEG OF BEER.

A Gripman of the Third Avenue Line Met with a Peculiar Accident.

Frank Snyder, a gripman on the Third avenue cable line met with a peculiar accident yesterday morning. He was running down Third avenue when a brewery wagon suddenly took the track just in front of the car.

Before Snyder could put on the brake the car struck the wagon with a crash. A keg of beer bounded off and hit Snyder in the stomach. He was so badly hurt that he was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

The driver of the wagon recovered his leg and drove away.

KAISER WILHELM'S VICTIM MAY DIE.

Young Woman Run Down by the Emperor's Carriage Critically Ill.

Court Physician in Constant Attendance on the Sufferer.

Besides This, the Patient is Daily Supplied with Dainties from the Royal Kitchen.

EMPEROR'S SYMPATHY COMMENDED.

High Praise from the People Because of the Kaiser's Distress at the Sad Accident and His Efforts to Aid the Unfortunate.

By Henry W. Fischer. Berlin, March 16.—Anna Vendt, the poor workingwoman who was knocked down by the Kaiser's coach on Saturday afternoon in the Grossbeerenstrasse, is in a precarious condition.

The patient has been attended by the court physician from the hour of the accident. He reports that the woman received dangerous internal injuries, and that she has but a slight chance for recovery.

The fact of her serious plight has been obscured somewhat by the tender solicitude shown by the Emperor, which has been reported far and wide in minute details, and without exception has received most favorable comment.

As soon as the Emperor was apprised of the mishap, before the coachman stopped the horses, His Majesty sprang out of the carriage and, running back to where the woman had fallen, lifted her up and ordered her taken into a chemist's shop.

The court surgeon was sent for at once, and after a brief examination assured the Kaiser that the woman was not hurt much beyond a severe shaking up of her nervous system. Nevertheless, as soon as His Majesty arrived at the Schloss he sent Major von Moltke, his personal aide-de-camp, with orders to see that nothing was left undone to insure her speedy recovery, and to see to her comfort.

The Emperor has since visited the woman in person several times, and has constantly been kept informed of her condition.

The court physician has been in attendance continually, and all the meals for the patient have been furnished from the royal kitchen. The woman has been profuse in her expressions of gratitude, saying that the Kaiser's sympathy was worth all the sufferings she has endured. The Kaiser and the imperial princes have sent flowers and delicacies ad infinitum to the sick room.

Physicians here, however, express the belief that the woman cannot outlive her injuries, but everybody speaks in terms of high praise of the Emperor's kindness.

DR. PETERS DENIES IT ALL.

The African Explorer Demands a Public Trial of the Charges of Murder and Brutality.

Berlin, March 16.—Dr. Carl Peters, the African explorer, issued a statement last evening denying absolutely the charges of brutality and murder which were made against him by Herr Bebel and others in the course of the debate on the colonial estimates in the Reichstag last week.

Dr. Peters added that he has requested Prince Hohenlohe to accord to him a trial before the public courts in order to enable him to clear himself.

WARING DOES THE INVITING.

The Next Administration Dinner to Be Given Next Tuesday.

General Collis, Commissioner of Public Works, said yesterday that the "administration dinner" would be given at the Metropolitan Club on Tuesday evening next, March 24, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. All the invitations were sent to the heads of departments yesterday by Colonel George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner of Street Cleaning, dated from his house, No. 175 Second avenue.

Most of the recipients were surprised, because they had understood that the feast was to be given by Mayor Strong, who was anxious to show that all the bureau chiefs were a band of harmonious workers.

The question that bothers the Commissioner is whether the original plan of "so much plate" is to be enforced, or whether Colonel Waring, who is a member of the Millionaires' Club, intends to entertain them as his guests. Several of the gentlemen invited were yesterday of opinion that it was to be on the "per plate" or Dutch treat plan, but of course this could not be carried out in a swell club.

One head of department promptly sent a declination, saying that he could not attend. It was rumored that Mr. Barker was the man. Another note is said to have been sent from Police Headquarters. Whether it was from Roosevelt or Andrews was not stated.

The Metropolitan Company's Report. Albany, N. Y., March 16.—The report of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, of New York City, for the quarter ended December 31 last, filed with the State Railroad Commission to-day, shows: Gross earnings from operation, \$1,888,000; operating expenses, \$928,015; net income, \$959,985; fixed charges, \$592,900; net income, \$367,085; cash on hand, \$27,000; profit and loss (surplus), \$1,196,950. The net income for the corresponding quarter the previous year was \$150,535.

Rusk's Seat in Congress Safe. Washington, March 16.—Committee on Elections No. 2, Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, chairman, to-day decided the contested election case of Booz against Rusk, from the Third Maryland District, in favor of Mr. Rusk (Dem.), the sitting member. The vote was unanimous.

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Peppermint Cure for the Liver, featuring a bottle illustration and text: 'DR. PIERCE'S PEPPERMINT CURE FOR THE LIVER'.