

NEW YORK'S RECENT FIRE HORROR WORST SINCE SLOCUM DISASTER

This recent tragedy in which nearly 150 lives were lost in a New York factory building fire ended a great many romances. Men and women identified among the victims those to whom they were to have been married within a very short time.

Rosie Salomon was early in line to view the bodies at the morgue. She was looking for Joseph Wilson, her fiancé. The young man had come from Philadelphia some months ago and found work in the Triangle Waist company's loft. Wilson had come here to be near the girl he meant to marry. He was to have called upon her Saturday night, when he had promised to set the date for their wedding. He did not come to her. She knew where he worked and had telephoned the building Saturday evening. Then she heard of the fire. So she came to look among the coffins. At coffin No. 34 she stopped—saw on a finger the ring she had given her sweetheart. She spoke then of a watch. They found it and opened the case for her. Her own picture was inside. She fell into her mother's arms. Then both knelt on the floor, tore their hair and garments and had to be placed in the care of nurses.

Harry Marks similarly found Pauline Levine, to whom he was engaged. In her purse was her envelope with its meager salary, and in a compartment was the wedding ring he had given her. Around her neck was a golden chain and on it a locket. Marks' picture was in the locket.

A little stoop shouldered man, Anthony Midolo, came sobbing up to Captain O'Connor, commanding the police. He led the big captain to a coffin where was the body of a girl—a little, childish body.

"My little girl," said Midolo. "In her ears and on her finger are the little gold things I gave her last Christmas."

Serafino Maltese, a young typesetter, collapsed after the ordeal through which he passed. It was that of finding among the 133 dead his sisters, Lucy and Sarah. He tried to go on with the search; his mother was among the missing. An ambulance surgeon gave him restoratives and advised the half crazed lad to return later and seek among the bodies his parent's corpse.

Abraham Robbinowitz was one of those who jumped from the eighth floor only to be crushed to pieces in the street. He was to have been married next week.

Bride of Month a Victim. Mrs. Ethel Schneider, a bride of one month, plunged to her death from the eighth floor. Her husband, Harry, after repeated attempts to rescue her, was trampled by the crush of panic stricken girls and carried to the street in the arms of several firemen.

"We were married in Portland, Me., last month and arrived in this city only twelve days ago," he said. "We had been stopping with my wife's cousin, who had been employed by the Triangle Waist company. After several days of pleading I gave my wife permission to work with her cousin."

"On Saturday, which was to be her first pay day, I called at the offices of the waist company for her. I found it enveloped in flames."

"Suddenly I heard a scream, and there on the ledge of the window I saw my bride. I rushed into the hallway and had reached the second floor when I was knocked down and trampled upon. After that everything became dark."

"When I regained consciousness they told me that my wife had jumped from the window immediately after I had entered the building."

How Many Died. A thirteen-year-old girl hung for three minutes by her finger tips to the sill of a tenth floor window. A tongue of flame licked at her fingers, and she dropped to death.

A girl threw her pocketbook, then her hat, then her furs from a tenth floor window. A moment later her body came whirling after them to death.

At a ninth floor window a man and a woman appeared. The man embraced the woman and kissed her. Then he hurled her to the street and jumped. Both were killed. Five girls smashed a pane of glass, dropped in a struggling tangle and were crushed into a shapeless mass.

A girl on the eighth floor leaped for a fireman's ladder, which reached only to the sixth floor. She missed, struck the edge of a life net and was picked up with her back broken. From one window a girl of about thirteen years, a woman, a man and two women with their arms about one another threw themselves to the ground in rapid succession.

One girl jumped into a horse blanket held by firemen and policemen. The blanket ripped like cheesecloth, and her body was mangled almost beyond recognition.

Another dropped into a tarpaulin held by three men. Her weight tore it from their grasp, and she struck the street, breaking almost every bone in her body.

A Remarkable Experience. Henry Meshel had a most extraordinary experience in escaping from the ninth floor. He ran to the elevator shaft and, finding the car stalled at the bottom, leaped out and caught the wire rope.

He was able to seize it as he jumped and slid to the car, from which he clambered to the floor. This was in the subcellar, as it chanced, and Meshel

was not able to find his way out. He helped to raise two men and a woman who also had come down the rope and then sat down to wait until some one came who would lead them from the cellar.

"This did not happen for four hours, by which time the cellar had become so filled with water that Moschel and his companions had trouble at times in keeping their heads above the level of the water."

Rescues by Law Students. Refusing to admit that he had played the role of a hero, Professor Frank H. Sommer of the New York university law school, which adjoins the ill-fated left building, said that the lion's share of credit belonged to the students of his class. Professor Sommer said:

"I was lecturing to a class of about fifty boys. All was quiet and serene, when suddenly we heard the roar of whistles and the sound of gongs and fire engines. I threw open the door of the lecture room and then the door of the law school faculty room, which opens on an arched way separating our building from the burning one."

"Some of the boys followed me, and we saw the ten-story building across the arched way was on fire. The open space between us and that building was filled with smoke. There were ear piercing shrieks, and girls appeared at the windows of the left building which was the waist factory."

"We hurried to the roof of our building, where two ladders had been left by painters, and the boys used these in the work of rescue. They worked like beavers. Apparently never giving a thought to the possibility that their own building might catch fire from the flames that were leaping out into the open space."

"How it was done I don't know, but in a surprisingly short time about fifty girls were brought across the ladders to safety. The boys paid no attention to the thick smoke and risked life and limb to steady the terror stricken girls on the ladders. Some of the rescued were pitiable sights. In some cases it was necessary to beat out the flames that had caught their clothing, and many of them had blackened faces and singed hair and eyebrows."

Evidence of Heroism. Fireman T. J. Aichman, who was stationed on the ninth floor, said:

"There was one brave little lass jumped to her death from this floor, and I think there were a lot of heroines if the truth could only be known. The girl I refer to was found crushed to death on the pavement below with a water bucket clasped tightly in her arms. She had been trying to fight the fire, poor child. They had to pry the bucket out of her arms."

Ripping a little inside coat where about twenty-five bodies were found is a mass of iron pallings. Most of the bodies found here had struck the tops of the pallings and had to be pulled away from the top of the fence by main force. In one case the body of a man after being pierced by the metal points of the pallings struck the top crosspiece of iron which holds the pallings together a few inches below their points with force enough to bend the rail downward for many inches."

Fire Ladders Didn't Reach. On the ledge of a ninth story window two girls stood silently watching the arrival of the first fire apparatus. Twice one of the girls made a move to jump. The other restrained her, tottering in her foothold as she did so. They watched firemen rig the ladders up against the wall. They saw the last ladder lifted and pushed into place. They saw that it reached only the seventh floor.

For the third time the more frightened girl tried to leap. The bells of arriving fire wagons must have risen to them. The other girl gestaculated in the direction of the sounds. But she talked to ears that could no longer hear. Scarcely turning, her companion dived head first into the street.

The other girl drew herself erect. The crowd in the street were stretching their arms up at her shouting and imploring her not to leap. She made a steady gesture, looking down as if to assure them she would remain brave, but a thin flame shot out of the window at her back and touched her hair. In an instant her head was aflame. She tore at her burning hair, lost her balance and came shooting down upon the mound of bodies below.

From opposite windows spectators saw again and again pitiable companionships formed in the instant of death—girls who placed their arms around each other as they leaped.

Brave Elevator Boys. Joseph Vito and John Gasper, the elevator boys, performed heroic work of rescue. Officials of the police and fire departments credit these young men with having saved by sticking to their posts fully 600 lives.

The boys ran their cars up and down until the shafts were ablaze. Each made no less than twenty trips up and down after the first alarm was given.

Mrs. Mary A. Lookabaugh. Neleigh, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: The funeral services of Mrs. Mary A. Lookabaugh, wife of S. B. Lookabaugh of this city, were held yesterday afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. E. T. George, presiding elder of Neleigh district, having official charge of the services. Mrs. Lookabaugh was born in Wisconsin, in July, 1872, and was married to Mr. Lookabaugh in this city in 1898. The

deceased is survived by a husband, a sister, Mrs. Eunice Shade of this city, and a brother, Byron Ward of Woodburn, Ia. The index of the Hebeleva lodge, of which Mrs. Lookabaugh was a member, attended the services in a body. She was also a member of the Reviewers club of Neleigh, of which organization she is the third member in as many years to pass away.

Burial was held in Laurel Hill cemetery after the funeral services, and the remains were placed at rest beside those of her father and mother, who preceded her several years ago. The pallbearers were: C. J. Allison, W. J. Shupe, John Larson, N. Sowders, W. O. Pike and E. E. Beckwith.

Roosevelt Starts East. Spokane, Wash., April 13.—Theodore Roosevelt completed his visit to the state of Washington on his "last speaking tour" when he departed for Moscow, Idaho, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His Sunday in Spokane was a quiet one, after the unusual amount of speechmaking and reception ceremony crowded into Saturday. Mr. Roosevelt attended church in the morning in company with Governor Day and Senator Poindexter and lunched as the guest of W. H. Cowles of this city. From Mr. Cowles' home he returned to his hotel for a brief rest before his train left for Moscow, Idaho. Today Mr. Roosevelt will return to Spokane late in the day to take the train for Sand Point, Ida., the next succeeding stop in itinerary.

Pittsburg Gets A. A. U. Meet. National Championships to Be Decided in Pittsburg June 30 and July 1. Announcement was made recently that the National Amateur Athletic union outdoor track and field championships will be held in Pittsburg, June 30 and July 1. It was generally believed the plan of the outdoor season would go to Cleveland, and the announcement came as a surprise to followers of the sport in other cities.

Schulz Must Go to Prison. Chauffeur Convicted of Manslaughter. Loses in Supreme Court. Omaha, April 13.—First to be convicted of a killing as the result of reckless driving in Omaha is Schulz, chauffeur, has lost in his appeal to the supreme court. He must serve out his sentence of three years in prison imposed in the district court here.

Schulz was convicted of manslaughter in district court. He was arrested June 25 to answer for the death of William Krug, who was killed by a crash between his machine and that driven by Schulz.

Sloane Takes Up Aviation. Famous Ex-Jockey Now Anxious to Become Prominent as Bird Man. Racing men in New York have received letters from Paris informing them that the latest enterprise of Tod Sloane, the jockey, is aviation. Sloane is now at Nice as an aeroplane pilot of Le Giguecourt.

During the annual fete of flowers at Nice Sloane mounted a biplane and followed the parade, circling over it and throwing flowers on the crowds. In another flight Sloane flew to Cannes and circled the city and harbor, passing so close to the yachts at anchor there that the people on board could talk to him. Sloane had a very successful season last summer at Brussels and has got together a very good stable of horses, but his friends say that indications now are that he will become so infatuated with the aviation game as to lose his interest in horses.

Driscoll Coming Over. English Featherweight Champion Due to Arrive First Week in April. Jim Driscoll, the featherweight champion of England, is coming to America the first week in April. Jim is anxious to retire now that he has won the Lord Londale belt for keeps, but says that he'd like to win the American title, too, and make himself the real world's champion before he puts the old gloves, shoes and tights away with the moth balls.

Driscoll has received several good offers from the promoters in this country to meet Al Attell and three or four other pugilists on this side of the

Atlantic. Jim is considered to be about the shiftest boxer that ever appeared in the ring. He met Attell in New York about two years ago and outpointed the American champion easily. Last summer he was taken ill and forced to go back to England. Within the last few months the English champion has shown his old time form.

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60 BOILERMAKERS STRIKE. Railroad Discharges Man for Staying Home When Wife is Very Ill. Scaldia, Mo., April 8.—Because the Missouri Pacific railroad discharged an employe in the local shops for remaining away from work when his wife was seriously ill, sixty boilermakers and helpers in the company's shops struck today. They demand reinstatement for the discharged employe.

School Notes. Practice on the senior play, "Merchant of Venice Up-to-Date," has, since the vacation, begun in good earnest. Thursday evening all the acts were rehearsed at the Auditorium and the play promises to be a great success. It is attracting attention not only in Norfolk, but in adjoining towns and calls for the reservation of tickets from people in the surrounding towns have already begun.

The children of the grades are selling tickets for the exhibit of pictures to be shown in the high school building April 19, 20 and 21. There will be entertainments given each evening in the high school auditorium. The Woman's club of the city will furnish the program one evening, the German club is to give a play a second, and on the third music will be rendered by the pupils of the public schools. The proceeds of the exhibit are to go toward buying pictures for the grade buildings. The exhibit is similar to the one shown two years ago. Everyone at that time appreciated the value of such an exhibit to individual pupils as well as to the school as a whole, and the patronage of the public is solicited.

There has been an unusual number of visitors at the high school during the past week.

Monday afternoon a little ovation was given to Gladys Cole, when the high school recognized in a formal way her success as a contestant in the North Nebraska Declamatory contest.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS. M. R. Green returned from Pilger, where he went on business. Miss Bessie Monroe of Fond du Lac, Wis., arrived this morning to make an extended visit with her cousin, Mrs. Frank Scott, and other relatives.

M. D. Tyler returned from Lincoln, where he attended the supreme court. J. H. Kemp, G. J. Green and J. G. Mines of Wayne were visitors in the city.

Rev. Otto Bergfelder was a guest of Rev. Dr. Orthoff at Hooper during the week. John Raasch of Pierce is in the city visiting with his nephews, Ernest and William Raasch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spaulding of Emerson were in Norfolk over night on their way home from Creighton, where they attended the funeral of Joseph Ruiss.

The Merchants hotel at Gordon, Neb., is closed to the public. Benjamin Pilant is confined to his room at the Pacific hotel with an attack of throat trouble. Ranson & Anderson report the sale of the Sidler property, 434 South Fourth street, to A. C. Stear.

The household goods of J. W. Bovee are being sold at public auction by Mr. Bovee today. He leaves in a few days for California.

Theodore Miller, register clerk of the local postoffice, has gone to Cheyenne, Wyo., to spend a two weeks' leave of absence. Mrs. H. H. Miller, who is confined to her bed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Haley, is reported slightly improved.

The ladies of the Congregational church, of the Koenigstein division, gave a successful public dinner in the church parlors Friday night. Henrietta Crossman and her company arrived from Sioux City at 11 o'clock to present the comedy, "Anti-Matrimony," at the Auditorium tonight.

At a recent meeting of the Ministerial association it was decided to

change the hour of evening church services from 7:30 to 8 o'clock until October 1.

An automobile tour is talked of by some of the Norfolk automobile enthusiasts. A trip to the various towns in this vicinity will be made, if the plans go through.

Henry Ahrens was arrested Friday night by Patrolman O'Brien for being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$8.50 in Judge C. F. Eiseley's court Saturday morning.

The "two-times-a-year" traveling man is in Norfolk once more. Hotels are well crowded with these travelers, who visit their territory with samples only twice each year.

The red cross decree was conferred upon Superintendent J. H. Kemp and Dr. G. J. Green of Wayne at a special meeting of Danassau commandery No. 29 K. T. held Friday evening.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Minnie Oestrich will take place in the Hadar Lutheran church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. Interment will be made in the Hadar cemetery.

The ladies of the St. Johannes church take occasion to thank all who attended the chicken pie dinner last Tuesday, and by their attendance helped to make it a success. The result amounted to \$102.15.

The Norfolk board of education has received the welcome report from Lincoln that the senate has reinstated the bill for appropriation of normal training which Thursday was turned down. The bill was passed Friday.

The names of the young people who will be confirmed in the St. Johannes Lutheran church Sunday are: Adolf Warstedt, Willie Braun, Josephine Uller, Magdalene Michelson, Margareta Rilke and Clara Warstedt.

Neligh Register: Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Nesbit left Wednesday for their new home at Norfolk. Mr. Nesbit will run a medicine wagon, his territory being that part of Madison county north of the Elkhorn river and all of Pierce county.

The case of Paul Frohloff versus his godmother, Mrs. Bertha Rieks, will be heard in Judge C. F. Eiseley's court at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Frohloff charges that his godmother is withholding from him a promissory note with a face value of \$650.

The case of Brasler & Williams versus T. L. Wauson of Plainview which has been pending in Justice C. F. Eiseley's court, has been transferred to Justice George C. Lambert's court. The plaintiffs ask for \$160 as commission for the sale of a farm in Holt county.

Another case for the attention of the local board of charities appeared in the city today when a woman about 30 years of age called at the office of Constable John F. Flynn and asked for money enough to buy bread. She declared she was camping on the outskirts of the city.

The 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Coyde of O'Neill was operated upon in Norfolk Saturday by Dr. A. B. Tashjian, Dr. Saiter assisting, for abscess of the mastoid. There has been an epidemic of this ailment in Norfolk during the past ten days. The child is at the Kleitz home on Braasch avenue.

Seven tramps, two of them almost boys, were arrested by the police yesterday. Four of them were brought before Judge Eiseley for trial, but having no money they were turned loose on a promise that they would leave the city within an hour. The other three, Judge Eiseley reports, were not brought before him.

Norfolk high school baseball club No. 1 play their first game this afternoon at Madison with the Madison high school team. The Norfolk lineup follows: Romie Keleher, captain and pitcher; Harold Lucas, catcher; Donald Mages, first base; Leland Landers, second; Thomas Odforme, short; Cary Logan, third; Ed Koerber, left field; Henry Pasewald, right; Anning Smith, center. A second team is being organized.

Captain C. L. Anderson may go to the Mexican frontier on May 1. Captain Iver S. Johnson of Stanton, who is now with the Eighteenth infantry at San Antonio, has written the Norfolk militiaman and has given him information which makes Captain Anderson believe he is third on the list of militia officers to go to the front. Captain Johnson will be relieved on April 19 and Captain Anderson may go to his relief on May 3.

Norfolk will very likely have a delegate at the national convention of the Travelers' Protective association, which meets in Philadelphia next June. It is said Secretary H. O. Kiesau of Norfolk post, "E," may be that delegate. State Secretary Charles Hopper and Delegate Melcher of Omaha are in the city conferring with Secretary Kiesau as to the local post. The state convention will be held at Lincoln on April 21 and 22. The Norfolk delegates are: President Fred Gettinger, Secretary Kiesau, Ed Engle, George H. Spear, C. E. Doughty, Sam Erskine.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock a special train consisting of one baggage car, one diner, two standard sleepers and one observation car, will go through Norfolk carrying seventy-five members of the Sioux City Commercial club and stockmen to Rapid City. Sunday night on No. 3 a special party of South Omaha stockmen, including A. F. Stryker, secretary of South Omaha exchange and secretary of the National association, will go through the Junction to Rapid City to attend the big national stockmen's meeting.

An old man, well under the influence of liquor, caused amusement to several spectators yesterday afternoon when he supported himself by a "stop" signal on the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way on Madison avenue and Seventh street, and continued walking around the signal pole for almost a half an hour. A well beaten path was made by his strenuous efforts to "get a start" before a friend helped him on his way. The most comical part of his journey was noticed when he "slowed down" near the signal. Looking up at the "stop" sign, and then commenced his whirl.

COMING SPORT EVENTS. Harvard will hold the interscholastic track and field championships at Cambridge, Mass., May 26 and 27.

Times Barry will row William Albany in June for \$1,000 stake and the English professional title. Barry is the present champion.

The American Bowling association will hold its annual regatta, known as the American Henley, at Philadelphia May 27. The People's regatta will also be held there July 4.

The women's eastern golf champion and integrity matches for the Grison cup will be played this year at the Brae Burn Country club at West Newton, near Boston, during the week of June 5.

Plans are under way to form a southern amateur rowing association of oarsmen from Florida, Georgia, Washington, Virginia and Maryland, and the national association will be asked to sanction a regatta on the Patuxent river, Baltimore, Aug. 5.

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