Fire Has Small Beginning.

Thinking it would be only a small blaze compared with the previous night's fire. I did not think it worth while taking any notes. Musham had told me that the fire started in the cow stable of Patrick O'Leary, who resided at 137 De Koven street. "Big Jim O'Leary, the stockyards saloonkeeper, is a

It will be necessary for me to digress that I may relate what occurred before the "Little Giant" company reached the fire. In those days there were towers in the engine houses, and the firemen took turns a watching for a blaze. There also was a watchman in the cupola of the courthouse at Washington and Clark streets. From this eyrie he scanned the city for fires.

Mathias Schaeffer was on duty in the courthouse tower. "Bill" Brown was night

Quite a while before Brown got the word from Schaeffer that there was a fire Brown himself had seen a glow in the southwest part of the city, but thought it was from the ruins of the Saturday night fire.

Misjudges Location of Fire. The fire had been burning almost half an hour before Schaeffer sighted it. There was a haze in the sky from the fire of the previous night and Schaeffer's vision was obscured He judged the blaze was in the vicinity of Canalport avenue and Halsted street, actually a mile beyond it. He notified Brown of

the location and box 342 was sounded. No box was pulled as the first alarm for the great fire. Although a druggist at Twelfth and Canal streets tried to turn in two alarms from the box at that corner, neither of them

registered at fire alarm headquarters. The man in the tower of No. 6 house on Maxwell street, near Canal, sighted the fire about the same time Schaeffer did. He ran down the stairs and shouted to Foreman Musham to "hitch up." Being within a few blocks of Jefferson and De Koven streets, he was able to give the right location. The " Little Giant " company, only half manned, sped away while the bell in the house was striking

This accounts for No. 6 being first in. Other companies were as near or nearer the fire, but they went out of their way to reach Canalport avenue and Halsted street. On arrival there they found no fire.

Error Makes Fire Possible.

If the right location had been given by Schaeffer there would have been no huge conflagration and consequently no anniversary today. Two of the best steamers in the department, the R. A. Williams and the J. B. Rice, would have responded on the first alarm if the proper location had been sounded. As it was. Canalport avenue and Halsted street get under way to the fire until a second alarm, giving the right location, called them out.

In fire fighting the matter of a few seconds of the great fire of '71.

The day after Chicago was laid in ashes "Bill " Musham told me that if there had been no fire on Saturday night, which crippled the department, and if Schaeffer had not misjudged the location, the "big" fire, as it is called, would not have occurred.

Engine company No. 5, whose house was at Jefferson and Van Buren streets, was the second company in. Instead of going south in Jefferson street directly to the fire, as it would if it had been given the right location it went west in Van Buren street to Halsted. At Taylor and Halsted streets the driver saw the flames and drove to a plug. Hose was quickly laid, but after working a few minutes the engine broke down and was out of service

Firemen Exhausted Previous Night. than half of the fire fighting brigade was in physical condition, as a result of the terrible battle waged the previous night.

I will now proceed with my story.
"Bob" Williams, chief of the department. was early on the ground. Within a short time after his arrival he called out every company in the service. The department concarts, and three or four hook and ladder

The Batcham shingle mill and box factory, the Frank Mayer Furniture company, and the Roelle Furniture company provided highly combustible material for the flames to feed on, and in an incredibly short time the fire had reached the west bank of the

A terrific southwest wind carried brands for blocks, and these torches ignited the roofs of buildings on which they fell. Coal and lumber yards lined both sides of the river, and the wind carried burning boards

South Side Stables Catch Fire.

Shortly before midnight the fire crossed the river between Van Buren and Adams streets. The first building to be attacked on the south side of the city was Frank Parmelee's stables. At this time every piece of apparatus was on the west side. Chief Williams ordered several companies to the south side in an attempt to stay the spreading fire

The progress of the fire was terrific Everything in its course was swept away. Burning sticks were carried to the courthouse from the west side, more than a mile distant. Watchman Schaeffer extinguished several incipient blazes in the courthouse tower.

The flames swept east toward Michigan avenue, and there were a dozen fires burning at the same time. The fire extended south to Taylor and Wells streets, destroying the old bridewell, but it was halted at Harrison street and Wabash avenue. Buildings were blown up with gunpowder in an effort to save the business district, but the fire traveled on

Before 1 o'clock in the morning it was apparent that the city was doomed. Business blocks, theaters, hotels, newspaper offices, and public buildings all went down in the

"The Tribune" Building Last to Burn. One of the last structures in the business section to go down in the onslaught of fire was THE TRIBUNE building. Structures all around it were destroyed early in the morning, but THE TRIBUNE building stood like a sentinel until the middle of the forenoon.

The area burned over, including streets. was about 2,200 acres. The north side was the greatest sufferer. An area covering nearly 1,500 acres was destroyed on this side of the city. Five hundred acres of buildings went down in the flames on the south side. and about 200 acres on the west side.

There were 13.300 buildings destroyed on the north side, 3,650 on the south side, and about 500 on the west side. Most of the latter were frame cottages. One hundred thousand persons were made homeless, and the total loss was \$200,000,000. About 300 lives

In conclusion I want to say a word as to the probable origin of the fire. It was not a lamp with a fretful hoof and thus started tarted by a cow kicking over a lamp while the great Chicago conflagration of 1871. Mrs. O'Leary was milking the animal The O'Learys were all in bed when the fire

started. Mrs. O'Leary had milked her cowsshe owned five-more than three hours before the fire was discovered. I knew Mrs. O'Leary well. She was a truthful woman. A few days after the fire I interviewed her regarding the story of the cow and the lamp. She branded it as a fabrication.

But I have more than her word for it. Dennis Sullivan, a neighbor of the O'Learys, told me that he discovered the fire, and in the official inquiry that followed to find the cause, he so testified. Sullivan said the O'Learys were in bed when he knocked at the door and awakened them. Dennis Rogan, who resided at 112 De Koven street, also told me that the O'Learys were in bed when the fire

It is true that the fire started in the O'Leary cowshed, and I have my reason for believing

Reporter Who "Covered" Fire of '71; Veteran Bell Ringer; Priest Whose Prayer Saved Church; 40 Year Pledge-Burning Candles.



ORDER OF MARCH FOR FIRE ANNIVERSARY.

[Parade to be held tomorrow.

POLICE DIVISION. 1. South park mounted police,

2. Dally News band. 3. Chicago mounted police.

4. Mayor Harrison. 6. Police officials.

Single horse patrol wagon. 8. Double horse patrol wagon.

9. Double horse ambulance.

10. Police riot gun.

12. Automobile police patrols (two). FIRE DEPARTMENT. 14. Volunteers and veterans in auto-

15. Old time hand power engine. 16. Old time hand drawn hose cart.

17. Old time Lawton hand power en-

18 Chief Seyferlich and Chief O'Con-

19. Fire department officials.

20. Chief with horse and buggy. 21. Horse drawn chemicals.

22. Horse drawn hose carts. 23. Horse drawn water tower.

24. Horse drawn hook and ladders, 25. Horse drawn police coffee and

lunch wagon. 26. Horse drawn ambulance for in-27. Mrs. O'Leary leading her cow.

MOTOR DRIVEN FIRE APPARATUS. 28. Automobile chiefs' wagons.

29. Automobile insurance patrol. 30. Automobile combination chemical and hose wagon.

31. Evanston's automobile combination engine and chemical (Robinson). 32. Waukegan's automobile combina-

tion chemical and hose wagon.

that some one went there to pilfer milk from one of the cows. There was a social gathering in the neighorhood that night in honor of the arrival of a young man from Ireland. One of those present told me in after years that two women of the party went to the O'Leary shed to get some milk for punch. One woman held a lighted lamp while the other milked the cow. They thought they heard some one coming, and in their haste to escape the lamp was dropped, setting fire to the place.

COW CHOSEN TO PLAY PART IN CHICAGO FIRE PAGEANT.

That. I believe, is the true cause of the fire.

Daphne Engaged to Illustrate Historic Tale of How Mrs. O'Leary's Animal Kicked Lamp Over.

The Automobile Trade association vesterday selected the cow which is to play the leading rôle in the fire pageant to be staged tomorrow on Park row. The pageant is to depict with fidelity to history the manner in which Mrs. O'Leary's cow deftly overturned

The demonstration will come during a thirty minute halt in the night parade. There is to be an afternoon parade, too, in which Daphné is to be led through the streets by Mrs. O'Leary. From Thirtieth street and Randolph street on Michigan boulevard will move the afternoon parade. This is the same route for the night procession, excepting that it will form at Randolph street, ending at Thirtieth street.

State Fire Marshal C. J. Doyle will address the City club. Robert J. Reed will address the men's meeting at the Church of the Ascension on "The

Chicago Fire."

Clerk and \$140 Disappear. Police are searching for Fred Steinberg, a clerk the grocery of W. S. Meyers, 1811 South State treet, who failed to return yesterday after Mr. had given him \$140 to deposit in a down-

MATTHIAS SCHAEFFER

Talks and Pictures to Show Peril in Use of Matches:

TEACH PUPILS FIRE CAUTION

EXERCISES IN WEST PARK.

Building Chief Blames Frame Structures; Gives S. me Tips.

The children of Chicago will devote one our tomorrow afternoon to learn what obligations they are under to prevent fires. It is

Fire Preventer day.' Mrs. Elia Flagg Young, superintendent of chools, has sent suggestions for a program to all the principals. She incloses with her outline an article from last Sunday's TRIB-UNE entitled "What to Do in Case of Fire ' by Prof. John Marshall, and copies of poems by Bret Harte, John Boyle O'Reilly, John Greenleaf Whittier, and an anonymous

writer, all called forth by the fire of 1871.

Wants Firemen to Talk. Mrs. Young suggests that a different pupil ecite each stanza of these verses. She urges that the principal secure a member of the ity fire department to talk to the children. West Park No. 2 also will hold a cele bration of "Fire Prevention day" for children. Children are invited to come at any time during the day. Beginning at 3:30 in the afternoon moving pictures will be shown and stories told for their benefit. A badge in honor of the campaign against fire will be given to each child.

Henry Ericsson, commissioner of buildings, nas written a letter to the City club stating that he will be unable to attend their lunchon at noon tomorrow for the discussion of fire waste and presenting his convictions on the subject.

Building Chief Gives Views. "With a fire loss in this country of nearly seven times that of Europe, the awakening of public interest to this calamity is oppor-tune," he writes. "This vast loss is clearly attributed to two primary causes: "First, the continued erection of frame

buildings. 'Secondly, carelessness in maintenance. "Relative to the first, with the low cost of cement and fireproof materials and the high cost of lumber, there is little excuse for ordinary constructed buildings as against

buildings and ordinary constructed brick

OLD O'LEARY BOX "HITS IN." Scene of "Big Biaze" Recalled as Engine Company No. 6 Rushes to Fire,

Shortly after midnight an alarm of fire was sounded from box 296, corner of Taylor and Jefferson streets. This being the nearest box to the old O'Leary house in De Koven street, near Jefferson, veterans of the fire department recalled the coincidence as they rushed to the blaze.

As in the case of the great fire of '71, engine company No. 6 was the first to reach the scene. The fire was quickly extinguished.

WAR ON TOBACCO TRUST OPENED BY CHICAGO TRADE.

THE REV. ARMOUD DAMENT

Eight Local Bodies Organize to Fight Monopoly, Demanding It Be Dissolved.

Representatives of eight of the largest odies of tobacco, cigar, and box manufacturers met at the Hotel Sherman last night and organized for the purpose of "breaking up the tobacco trust," the American Tobacco ompany.

The organizations represented at the dinner and participating in the meeting were Leaf Dealers and Packers, Union Cigar Manufacturers, Nonunion Cigar Manufacturers, Cigar Makers' International union, Tobacco Workers' International union, Retail and Wholesale Cigar and Tobacco Dealers Cigar Box Manufacturers, and Box makers' and Sawyers' unions, all having official headquarters in Chicago.

Resolutions were adopted, the preamble of which set forth the action of the Supreme ourt in granting eight months to the trust in which to reorganize. The resolution con-

Resolved. That we pledge ourselves to create a public sentiment against any plan sanctioned by the Supreme court of the United States or any constituted authority that will permit the reorganization of this declared illegal monopoly in a way that may permit it to operate in opposition to existing laws and the decision of the United States Supreme court.

The following committee was chosen to organize the independent forces and prepare a campaign throughout the United States: G W. Perkins, Matthew Wengler, William Taussig, Jacob Burner, and J. H. Payne.

INJURED, HE HEARS DUTY CALL. Lieut. Walter Stedman of Wrecked Fire Truck Breaks from Physicians, but Faints.

While still only half conscious from injuries ustained when his automobile truck overurned last night at Chicago avenue and Clark street, Lieut. Walter Stedman of fire nsurance patrol No. 5 tore himself from the hands of physicians, and, running a half lock to his truck, tried to resume command. He was yet so weak that he fainted in tryng to climb to his seat. He was taken to his residence, at 1138 Jackson boulevard.

The truck was overturned when the wheels skidded in a street car switch. Seven of the men on the truck jumped. Lieut. Stedman stuck to his seat and was carried by his eam mates to a drug store a half block away. Until he broke from the hands of his helpers it was thought that he was seriously in jured. The truck was able to go to the station under its own power

FORCES ITALIANS TO QUIT ALBANIA

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proposes to study the flora, fauna, and water course, and, proceeding south through Central Africa, eventually enter country as yet unexplored or little known.

Not Time for Intervention.

Official circles, while realizing the anxiety of foreign countries to see the Turco-Italian conflict ended and the possibility of complications avoided, wish to warn public opinion abroad that while the Italian fleet has taken possession of Tripoli and Cyrenaica, the occupation cannot be considered an accomplished fact in the sense that it renders possible that intervention by the powers which Italy in due time will welcome but at the present moment would be inopportune.

Before anything of the kind occurs the Italian troops must land and in reality occupy not only the coast but also the interior of the province in order to make sure that any remaining resistance of Turkey shall be

Tells Plans of Italy. Premier Giolitti, in a speech at Turin today, outlined the policy of the government with reference to Tripoli, which seems to have the support of most members of the chamber of eputies and a great majority of the people. Sig Bisolati, leader of the Socialists in the chamber, however, writes to the Secolo giving the view of a section of the Democrats

and Socialists, differing from that of the

nation at large. In his letter Sig. Bisolati says: · Now that the occupation is accomplished. t must be decided whether Tripoli will be considered conquered territory uncondition ally, or whether Italy is ready to compro nise-stopping the war, sparing Turkey exessive humiliations, and offering it political and material satisfaction, and thus render ing resumption of the good relations between

the two states possible Rebel Fights for Turkey.

[BY CABLE TO THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.] CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 7.—Imam Yaha, the insurgent leader, has informed the mmander in chief of the Turkish troops that there will be a truce in the Yemen province until the war is ended. He has offered the sultan 100,000 men to fight the talians. Shieks, saids, and the mountain Tehena tribes are meeting at Sanea and Hodeida in readiness to enlist for the cause of

It has been suggested that Eritrea and Somaliland be exchanged for Tripoli and Bengazi as a compromise.

Father Damen Pledged to Have Candles Burning Forever.

CHURCH SAVED BY PRAYER.

'Big Fire" Turned Aside; Faithful Guard the Lights.

About that revered edifice known to three generations of west siders as Holy Family Catholic church centers a romance which had its inception at the time of the great fire. Built in 1857 by the Rev. Father Arnold Damen S. J., the church and some of the oldest members of the original congregation have seen the great west side spring up around it.

Father Damen was the first Jesuit missionary to enter the field of Chicago after Father Marquette established the Holy Family parish in 1852. He was the nestor of St. Ignatius college, now Loyola university, and his original parish comprised all that part of Chicago west of the Chicago river as far north as the present North avenue, and extending south into the prairies that fringed the young

In an obscure corner of the gray old church which has stood for fifty-four years is a niche which shelters a statue of the Blessed Virgin. "Our Lady of Perpetual Help" is the symbolic title the image bears and before it is a triangular candlestick, in which seven burning candles are placed.

Recall Father Damen's Pledge. The story of "Father Damen's Pledge has its fountain head in that triangular array of lights before which hundreds offer daily orisons to the madonna above. Pious old Irishwomen of May street have watched its flickering gleam for forty years, and in telling their children or grandchildren the story of Father Damen bear witness to

On Oct. 9, 1871, the great Chicago fire started in a little old cowshed on Jefferson street Early in the morning terrified women and children rushed to the shrine of the madonna. The fire was headed in the direction of their parish, and the church of the Holy Family

the fact that the candles never have gone

was directly in its path. Father Arnold Damen was in New York conducting a mission. He was sent a telegram telling of the peril that threatened Chicago and his own little world, the Holy Family parish. Before the altar of St. Michael's cathedral, in Brooklyn, he prayed that his parish might be spared, and vowed a sanctuary light would be kept forever burning before the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help if his prayer was answered.

Holy Family Parish Saved. Back in the gloomy church the women be-fore the shrine saw the flames advance until but several hundred yards separated them from the outlying houses of the parish. Then the course of the fire was turned and the flames swept back over the downtown district. Not a house in Holy Family parish was burned and when Father Damen returned the next day the story of the miracuous escape was told.

"In hoc signo vinces," said the pastor, as he knelt before the statue of the virgin. That day the lights were placed before the shrine and Father Damen solemnized his vow at mass never to allow them to burn out. The rector imposed the same obligation on all

For the last twenty-five years Brother Thomas Mulkerns, sacristan of the church, as tended the lights. He has guarded them jealously during his quarter century of vigilance and attests to the fact that they never

have gone out. Three years ago the sacredness of Father Damen's pledge was threatened during a heavy rain storm one night.

Storm Nearly Puts Out Lights. The chancel window had been left open and a driving rain swept in past the shrine. At midnight the lights were all burning, but early in the morning when Brother Mulkerns entered the sanctuary the feeble gimmer of one candle stub was all that attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Quickly lighting a fresh candle from the dying one the sacristan placed it in position and soon all seven were hurning brightly.

The old women of May street will have none of the theory that the position of the candle saved it from extinction on that occasion. The spirit of Father Damen, who died several years ago during a mission at Cheyenne, Wyo., they insist kept watch over the fervid little glow until Brother Mulkerns arrived. The fire of '71 is perpetuated in the feeble candlelight and the old women of the parish declare that it is the spirit of Catholicity itself, "the light that never has failed."

MAN IN TOWER AT FIRE OF '71 TELLS OF SIGHTING FLAMES.

Mathias Schaeffer, Courthouse Guard, Now 79 Years Old, Recalls Incidents of the Great Blaze.

Mathias Schaeffer, the old watchman who was on duty in the courthouse tower the night of the great fire, is living with his son

at 6323 South Peoria street. "I am 79 years old," he said yesterday, but I will never forget that night if I live to be 179. It was about 9:30 o'clock-on a Sunday night-that I sighted the fire. " Bill Brown was the operator on duty. The

fire alarm office was on the third floor of the old courthouse. I was in the cupola, above the office, from which I had a bird's-eye view of the city. There were no tall buildings then to obscure my vision "Brown and a young woman—I believe she was his sister-were looking out of the office

window when they saw a light in the south-

west part of town. At first they thought it was the rekindling of ruins of the previous night's fire. Some time elapsed before Brown went to the window again and the light had "There were several alarm boxes in the vicinity of Jefferson and De Koven streets, but none of them was pulled. I learned afterward that Bruno Goll, a druggist at

hat corner twice, but it did not register at fire headquarters. "I had a spyglass raised to my eyes scanning the sky when I saw the light on the west side of the river.

Twelfth and Canal streets, pulled the box at

"I rang up Brown and told him to strike box 342 at Canalport avenue and Halsted

"A few minutes later I discovered my mistake and notified Brown to give the right ocation. Valuable time had been lost, howver, and the fire had a good headway before the mistake was rectified. "A gale was blowing from the southwest,

and before midnight the wind had carried brands across the river. Burning boards dropped on the courthouse tower, and I had to fight several small fires that these brands ignited. "About 2:30 in the morning I was driven from the tower, as the entire business dis-

rict was burning, and the courthouse was wiped out soon after I abandoned my post." Reports \$2,200 Automobile Stolen. F. R. Gadd, 5853 Kenmore avenue, vice president of the Wisconsin Lumber company, reported to the police last night that his automobile, valued at \$2,200 and containing the hand baggage of two friends, had been stolen from East Washington

street and North Michigan avenue.

PRIEST'S VOW KEPT 40 YEARS | WISCONSIN CITY NOW PAST DANGER

River Recedes from Black River Falls and Privation Is Less Marked.

TOTAL DAMAGE \$1,200,000.

Citizens Announce They Can Look After Themselves, but Receive Aid.

amilies are homeless and a property loss of \$1,200,000 has been wrought and this city s laboring under the distressing handicap of the loss of its business district as the result of the flood.

Black River Falls, Wis., Oct. 7 .- Fifteen

This, in brief, summarizes the situation disclosed at the end of an exhaustive canvass of the city tonight.

Leading citizens declare they are now able o cope with the situation without outside assistance, although they are accepting gratefully all proffers of help.

Lack of Provisions Felt. A serious problem now is the lack of stores and the loss of stock and provisions. Only one grocery remains in the city, but another has been located in a tent, and others will be temporarily housed in a day or two. Meats and groceries will have to be shipped in from outside points for the present to supply the

Editor Cooper of the Black River Falls Banner, after a careful estimate, said tonight that the loss, including buildings and land swept away and structures damaged by flood water, would be \$1,200,000. City Clerk Collins put it at \$900,000. In many cases lots as well as buildings have been destroyed, the land being carried off by the

City Dike Partly to Blame. ower plant at Black River Fals, not the Hatfield dam, which is another property, is held by engineers to be partly responsible for the

The concrete dike of the city dam, just comoleted, was laid diagonally to the course of he river, instead of at right angles, throwing the flood waters toward the business section when the torrent was released. Had this protective dike been built straight

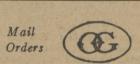
across to the side bank, the eddy through which the flood got its first opening into the bank where the business section was located would not have existed. COLLINS MUM ON SMUGGLING.

Memphis Man Implicated with Nathan

Allen in Jewel Case Returns

to Chicago. John R. Collins, the wealthy Memphis man implicated with Nathan Allen of Racine, Wis., in smuggling jewels into New York for Mrs. Helen Dwelle-Jenkins, returned to Chicago last night. He is at the Blackstone

hotel. He was fined \$4,000 for his part in the smuggling by a New York court last week. "I have nothing whatever to say regarding the matter," he said last night. "I consider the incident closed."



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