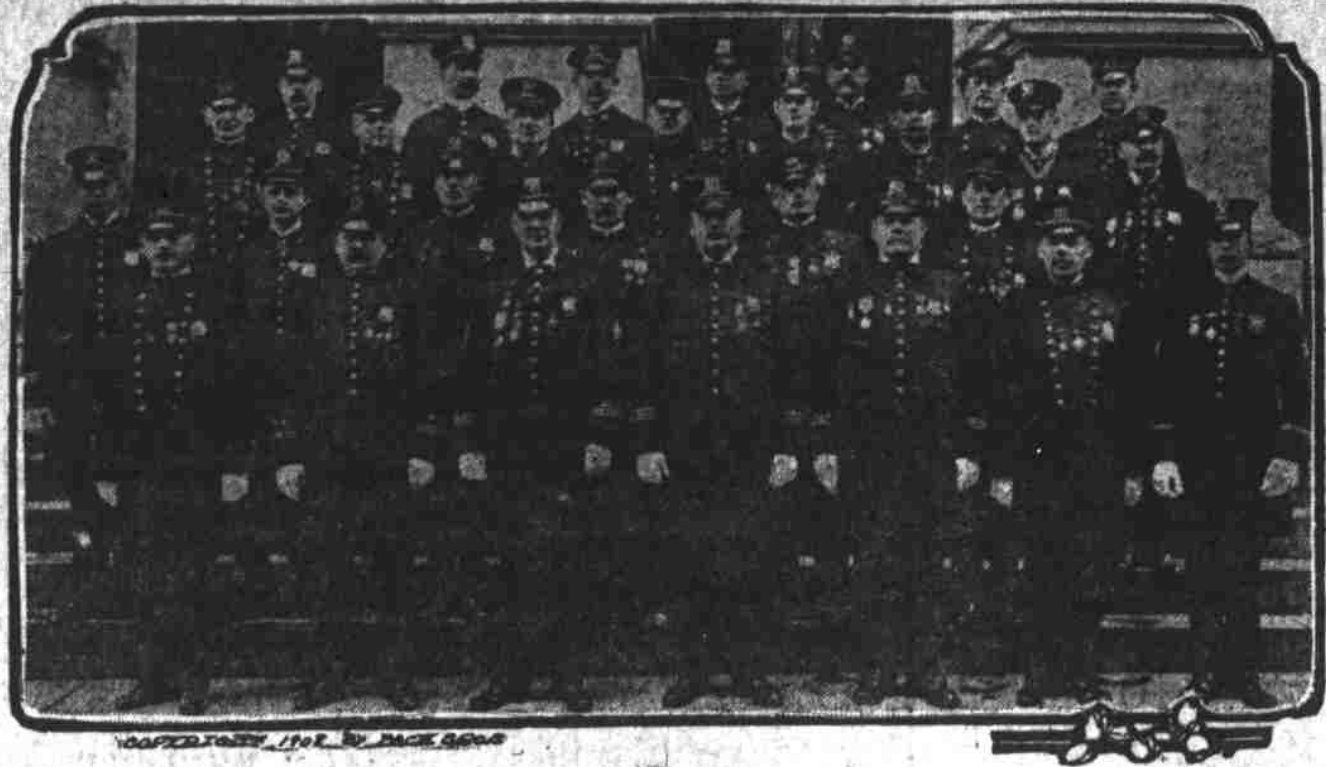


GROUP OF BRAVE NEW YORK POLICEMEN



This is a group of policemen of whom New York City is proud. Every man of them has risked his life, one or more times to save the lives of others, and each has received a medal for bravery. Three of them will receive new medals during the police parade, which is scheduled for May 2. The brave fellows, who have gone through fire and water, riots and other sources of danger, qualified before the timid photographer who trained his camera on them.

STRAY NOTES FROM NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 2.—They have a new wrinkle in the Grand Central station that is destined to make men with weak hearts live longer, and incidentally protect the small and unathletic persons from being trampled underfoot by those who are always trying to catch the train ahead. The new rule forbids anyone running in the station in an effort to catch his train.

A number of stalwart policemen are on hand to enforce the rule. They grab the hurrying train catcher, tell him he is endangering lives by rushing at breakneck speed through the crowd, and then set him on his way. He generally arrives at his track just in time to have the gate closed in his face, and see the last car of his train pulling out of the station.

Hard times are working both ways in New York. While certain classes of business have been obliged to go into bankruptcy, others are waxing fat during the financial stringency. Just at present the owners of the big storage warehouses are reaping the benefit, and the proprietors of the apartment houses are the losers. Hundreds of the well-to-do families have been obliged to give up their apartments, put their goods in storage and either resort to boarding houses or go into the country where living is cheaper. On the whole the hard times have affected the very poor and the

very rich. The salaried class have felt the stringency less than any others.

The new "pay as you enter" cars which have now been in use on Madison avenue for over a month have proved a success and Manhattanites are wondering how long it will be before some of the other lines will follow suit. The old-fashioned cars are still in use on Broadway in spite of the heavy traffic, and on some of the cross streets horse-drawn cars are still in use. The new cars on Madison avenue are generally more successful to find horse cars in Gotham than almost anything else that comes to their notice.

The new cars on Madison avenue, however, attract a great deal of attention, and already some of the enterprising stores have put on sale a "pay-as-you-enter belt" with a little pocket attached for change. It is planned soon to place a nickel-in-the-slot machine on the cars and have each passenger drop in his own fare. It is thought that in this way the conductor will have all of his time to give to assisting passengers on and off the car, and thus minimize the number of accidents.

In order to meet the tremendous demand for experienced office boys in New York, certain public schools are now contemplating giving a course to train boys in all branches of office work. The experiment is already being tried in one school and if it proves a success it will probably be made part of the whole scheme to train the public school children in some trade which will enable them to earn a living as soon as they are graduated.

Although there are hundreds of auctions of every kind in New York every day, the ones that attract most attention are those disposing of the personal effects, however slight their intrinsic value may be, of some person in the public eye. This was strikingly illustrated recently in the sale of the household furnishings of Mrs. Leslie Carter, the famous actress.

The goods were ordered sold by Mrs. Carter's receiver in bankruptcy, and the many friends of the noted actress were invited to sit down and watch her purchases being roasted in the automatically revolving spit. When done to a crisp, the goods were delivered to her in a neat box, which she tucks under her arm.

A curious document, 32 years old, was found in a sealed drawer in an old safe in the finance department the other day that revealed the fact that bribery was not unknown to Gotham's officials even in those days. The letter, which was addressed to the controller of that time, was from a man employed in the finance department. The letter read as follows: "Enclosed please find \$10, which is a bribe money received from J. R. Wright. There is a drive in it, I think, and should be kept a secret at present."

The J. R. Wright mentioned in the letter is not known to Mr. Metz, present controller, and he proposes to conduct an investigation of this 32 year old graft, in spite of the bribery

ATE 36 FRIED EGGS; NOT HUNGRY EITHER

Heingman Won Wager From Irish Chef, Who Couldn't Cook 'Em Fast Enough.

New York, May 2.—"Gimme a dozen fried eggs, and be quick about it!"

Patrons of the Lowell lunch room, a hurry-up hunger haunt, at No. 248 Eighth avenue, ceased the attack on the provender when John Heingman of No. 47 King street, blew into the place on Friday afternoon and gave the whole order in a voice that shivered the crockery. One of John's eyes had an early closing sign on it and a gush in his forehead showed that whatever happened to the other fellow, John did not have things entirely his own way.

"Quit yer kiddin'," said Patry, the chef. "Take an egg sandwich and cheer up."

"I'm 51 years old and I guess I know what I want," answered John, boarding a moving stool and upsetting a cup of coffee in his neighbor's face. "I want to eat eggs faster than you can fry them."

"You're on," said Patry, his sporting nature aroused. "I'm taking no chances, though. Post yer bets, you customers for safe-keeping, and then slapped a half pound of butter in the pan. The crowd gathered round Heingman, and several dollars in small bets changed hands on the result. The bursting of egg shells was the only sound that shattered the stillness for several minutes.

"Hiring on the goods" roared Heingman, and tapping impatiently with his knife. Patry came on a run and slapped half a dozen on the plate. Heingman snatched them up and chomped on them with two stabs of his sabre. A few seconds later the plate was deserted save for a saucer the round of which showing where some of the hen fruit had tried to escape.

"Slowest cook I ever saw," mused Heingman, a napkin round his neck and half dozen on the platter. They met the same fate as the others, and then Patry tried to claim a foul that round that Heingman was putting them in his pocket. The excited patrons urged Patry to be a sport, and he resumed his task. Patry may still remember the cooking half a dozen fried passengers on each journey, but Heingman was always waiting for him.

"You win, sport," said Patry, dropping into a chair, with the perspiration racing down his cheeks. "There's no more eggs."

"Gimme a piece of pie," said Heingman, and I'll be on my way. Some when I'm hungry, drop in and give you a real exhibition."

HUMAN CHAIN SAVES MAN FROM FLAMES

Firemen, Off Duty, Dare Death, Swinging Fifty Feet Above the Pavement.

New York, May 2.—Two firemen who were taking a day off made a thrilling rescue on the top floor of a burning tenement in Third avenue today by forming a human chain from the coping of an adjoining house and swinging to safety George Deitz, who had been caught in the fire in the hallway of the building.

Deitz woke from a sound sleep, startled and confused to find himself surrounded by flames. The young man ran to the front window and screamed for help. The firemen did not have ladders long enough to reach to the top floor. Firemen Dugan and Jones then climbed into the building from the street and appeared on the coping, which was several feet higher than the window in which Deitz was standing. Dugan crawled head foremost over the edge of the coping, Dugan holding his feet. The perilous feat of holding a saw so the other could reach Deitz's hands was accomplished.

Held fast by the firemen, Deitz let go of the window casing. For several minutes the two men were swinging in midair, 50 feet above the pavement. Dugan regained his feet, then able to pull the two men to the coping. A great crowd cheered the rescuers.

BULLETS OF WAX IN OLYMPIC FIGHTS

London, May 1.—Harmless dummies fought with bullets of wax, will be one of the most exciting events of the Olympic games, to be held in London this summer. The redoubtable duellists and finest revolver shots in Europe will meet in a friendly contest. The first time that duelling has been elevated to the level of a sport.

Walter Winans, the Anglist American millionaire and champion revolver shot of the world, is organizing this novel display. He has secured the services of the members of the Paris "Pistol club," of which he is a member. The membership of this club comprises the best revolver shots and duellists in France.

The public duels in London will be fought in the private affairs of honor—only that the bullets will be of wax, and will flatten themselves harmlessly when they strike. The contest will be a conventional ceremony connected with duelling will be carried through. Mr. Winans is organizing the contest, and is shooting in this contest on behalf of the United States.

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