

RESCUE 5 PERSONS AT CAMDEN FIRE

Paralyzed Woman and Three
Children Carried From
Burning Apartment House

Captain of Engine Company
Overcome by Smoke Found
Unconscious in Hall

Five persons, an unconscious fire captain, a paralyzed woman and three little children, were carried to safety shortly before 9 o'clock yesterday morning when fire gutted the third floor of the apartment house at 417 Vine street.

David Baird Robinson, an assistant deputy surrogate, braved the flames and smoke to carry the sick woman and children to the street.

Mr. Robinson lives on Larch street directly back of the Vine street apartment. Seeing smoke pouring from the third floor apartment occupied by the family of Winston Pirkel, he hurried to the house and was informed that Mrs. Anna Mosley, 72 years old, was helpless in her bed from paralysis. Making his way to her room Robinson carried Mrs. Mosley down the smoke-filled stairs. Returning to the third floor, he found three little children in the apartment of William Carey, sleeping in one bed. Placing them in a blanket he carried them down stairs, and gave them in care of neighbors.

Leading his men up on the stairs with a line of hose, Captain Rollo Jones, of No. 6 Engine Company, was overcome by smoke on the second floor. Fellow firemen stumbled over his unconscious form and he was carried to the street by Captain William Mertz, of No. 1 Engine Company. Captain Jones and Mrs. Mosley were taken to Cooper Hospital. For a time Jones was in a serious condition, but was finally revived through the liberal use of oxygen. Jones was overcome in spite of the fact that he was wearing a smoke mask.

The fire was caused by an over-heated hot plate and gutted the third floor of 417 and badly damaged the top floor of the house at 415. Household effects owned by William E. Curtis, E. F. Crane, B. E. Lane and William Carey, occupants of their apartments, were damaged by smoke and water. The apartments are owned by J. W. Young and the loss is placed at \$3000.