

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN A CARIBOU HOME

**Gas Explosion in Cooking Range Causes the
Death of Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Regan
in Flaming Apartments—Two Chil-
dren Suffering From Burns.**

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CARIBOU, May 5.—One of the most terrible accidents that ever occurred in Caribou, occurred in the apartments of Michael O'Regan in the new O'Regan building about 9 o'clock Saturday morning, when Mr. O'Regan and his wife were fatally burned, one of their children seriously and other slightly.

The O'Regans occupied the middle floor of their new building and used a vapor-kerosene range attachment for cooking purposes. The attachment is designed to convert kerosene oil into gas and burns the gas as fuel. It seems that after the breakfast had been prepared Saturday morning Mr. O'Regan attempted to relight the fire and turned the oil on before the iron pipes had cooled. The result was the accumulation of gas in the range which when ignited, exploded filling the room with flames. Mr. O'Regan's clothes caught fire and he ran down the stairs to the street enveloped in flames. He was immediately surrounded by friends and the flames extinguished. Mrs. O'Regan had followed her husband down stairs but immediately returned to look after her children, the youngest of which she thought in danger. Upon re-entering the apartment her clothes caught fire and she ran to the piazza where friends soon reached her and extinguished the flames. Hope, the 14 year old daughter escaped with slight burns upon the arm, while the youngest, a child of tender years was rescued with rather serious but it is believed not dangerous burns.

Meantime automobiles were called and Mr. and Mrs. O'Regan and children were taken to the Caribou Hospital, which had been prepared through the thoughtfulness of Miss Grace Monteith, stenographer in Joseph E. Hall's law office, who notified the managers by telephone of the calamity and to make immediate preparations to receive the injured.

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