

FIGHTS A HORSE IN DARK.

JOSEPH BOHMANN HAS STRANGE ENCOUNTER AT STORE.

Animal Falls Into Basement at 376 West Madison Street and Creates Havoc in Factory—Owner and Two Dogs Add to Uproar, Which Attracts Crowd of People to the Scene—Firemen and Policemen Cannot Rescue It from Its Predicament.

In the dimly lit basement of his manufactory at 376 West Madison street Joseph Bohmann struggled last night with a terrified horse that had crashed through an alley deadlight into the shop below, while two St. Bernard dogs added to the terror of the animal and the peril of their master by a vicious attack on the intruder. During the struggle lathes were overturned, newly made instruments shattered, and other damage inflicted by the plunging horse, and the man badly bruised before it could be subdued.

While Mr. Bohmann was clinging to the horse and shouting for assistance the driver of the animal stood bewildered at the aperture through which his horse had disappeared. His cries added to the barking of the dogs and the tumult from below, brought scores of residents of the district to the scene, none of whom dared enter the dark basement until Bohmann had emerged, bearing many bruises as the result of his queer encounter.

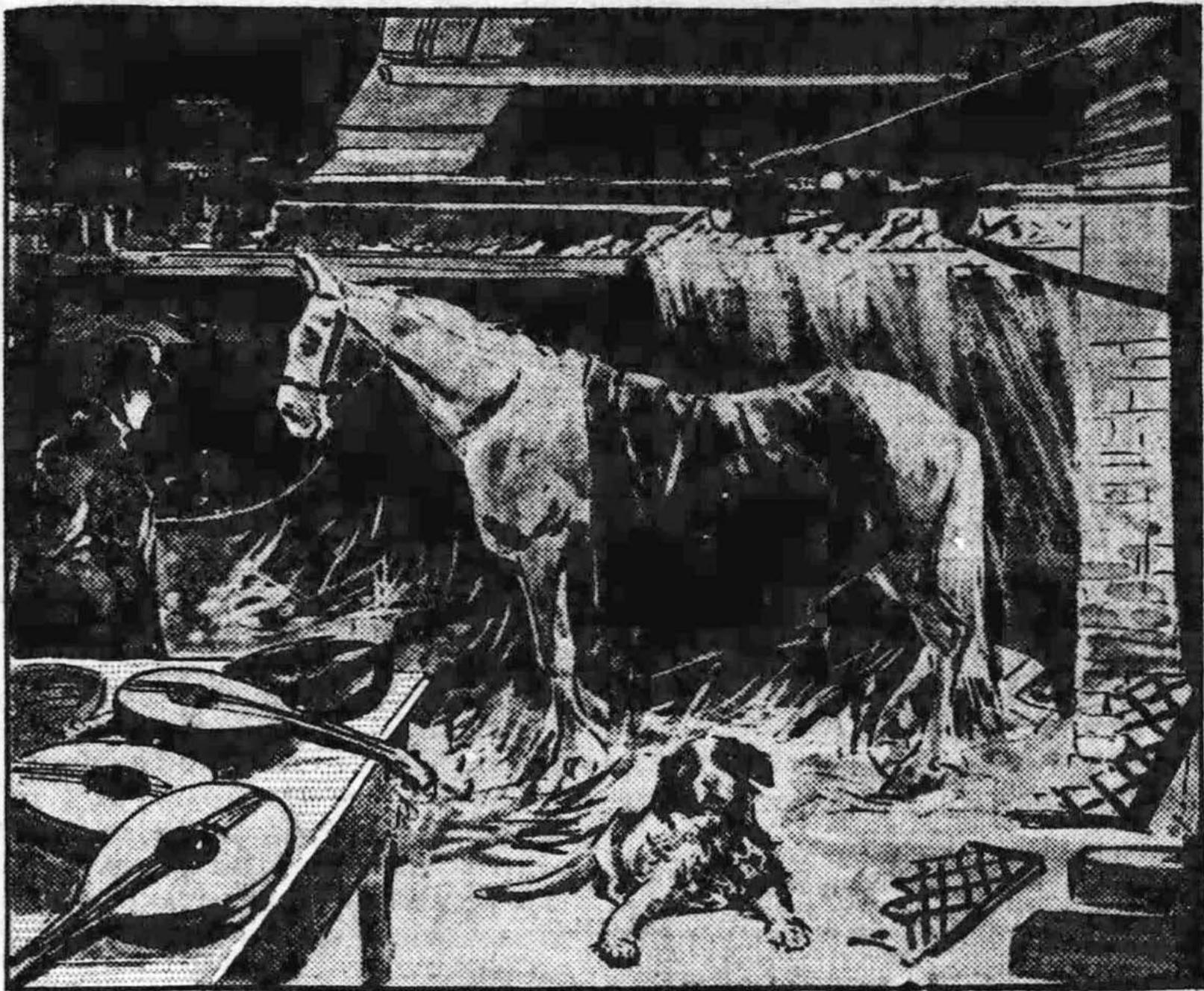
Plunges into the Basement.

The horse was one of a team owned by C. F. Lindeman, a lumber dealer at 1214 Wendel street, and driven by Conrad Hoyer, Orleans and Elm streets. While driving through the alley in the rear of the store of Mr. Bohmann the horse slipped and fell heavily on the framework of glass and iron, which gave way beneath its weight.

The building is occupied as a musical instrument factory and salesroom by Joseph Bohmann, who was in the store on the floor above. He heard the disturbance, and, accompanied by the two dogs, he hastened down-stairs. From the light of a gas jet in the front of the basement he saw the horse, which had just regained its feet, and as the animal rushed toward him the man grasped it by the bridle.

The dogs, too, sprang at the horse, despite the commands of Bohmann. The animal was borne to the floor at length, exhausted from its struggle, and was secured by Mr. Bohmann.

HORSE PROVES . A WILLING PRISONER.



Contentedly munching wisps of hay, the horse which crashed through an alley deadlight into the basement of the musical instrument manufactory of Jacob Bohmann, 376 West Madison street, on Monday night and resisted the combined efforts of the Police and Fire departments to extricate it, stands in its improvised stable surrounded by lathes, grindstones, and musical instruments, defying all efforts to displace it. The horse, which apparently knows a good thing, refuses to exchange its basement quarters for liberty, which means a steady routine of monotonous work in front of a dray.

Bohmann and the horse's owner, C. F. Lindemann, helplessly survey the scene, and as yet have devised no means of lifting the horse out of the basement. Bohmann appealed to Chief Swenie yesterday, but was told that the Fire department had no apparatus by which it could extricate the animal. So the horse, a large gray one, weighing 1,800 pounds, retains its peace in the warm basement, devouring the hay which Bohmann throws down to it.

"Yes, I feed the horse," said the bewildered Bohmann, "because I do not know what else to do. I'm afraid it might tackle something else, even my machinery, if it doesn't get anything to eat. I'd rather pay for the hay than to have the horse continue its raid."

Various expedients were suggested to Bohmann for releasing the horse, but only one seemed feasible. That was to gradually build up under the horse a mound of waste material until the animal is within stepping distance of the alley. An incline was made leading to the aperture, but the horse refused to mount it.

Mr. Lindemann, who is a lumber dealer, paid Bohmann \$50 yesterday for the damage done by the horse, and Bohmann has promised to feed and water the willing prisoner until some means are devised to take it out of the basement.

HOIST HORSE FROM BASEMENT.

Animal Which Fell Into Musical Instrument Factory of Jacob Bohmann Released at Last.

The horse which two days ago fell through an alley deadlight into the basement of the musical instrument factory of Jacob Bohmann, 376 West Madison street, was extricated yesterday. The aperture made by the horse in falling was enlarged and a windlass was used to hoist the animal out.