

[Newspaper cutting (October 1887?) "Bow Street : a giant in trouble" about 7' 5" James Patrick Folly's arrest and trial for drunken assault on a police officer in Tottenham Court Road].

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BOW-STREET.

A GIANT IN TROUBLE.—*James Patrick Tolley*, aged 48, a well-proportioned man of about 7ft. 5in. in height, was charged with being drunk and assaulting the police. The assault was committed at one o'clock in the morning in Tottenham-court-road. When the policeman attempted to arrest him he threw himself on the ground and kicked the constable. He was with difficulty conveyed to the station.—In reply to Sir James Ingham, he said he had been travelling in Belgium, and exhibiting himself as a giant. He added, "I have been kept three weeks in a prison in Belgium through no fault of mine, as I will show by these papers."—Sir James: Oh, no, Mr. Tolley; I will take your word for that (laughter).—Replying further to Sir James, prisoner said he was born in county Carlow, Ireland, and he was desirous of getting an engagement to exhibit himself during the Easter holidays.—Sir James Ingham fined him 10s., or in default seven days' imprisonment; but as prisoner could not pay at present, he was released on his own recognisances for a week, when he promised he would pay the money.

BURGLARY AT THE ITALIAN HOSPITAL.—

(2).—A grocer's shop at 22, Wyncham-road, 11, was greatly damaged by fire at eight in the evening. The remaining fires were small. Two—at 47A, St. Martin's-lane, Golden-square, and 19, Medway-street, London—were traceable to mishaps with spirit lamps. A gas fire caused the outbreak at 1, Gordon-street, and an accident with a candle that at 17, Dairat-stminster.

(3).—A building of one storey in the rear of St. Martin's-lane, Aldgate High-street, a cap maker's—workshop and washhouse—was burnt to the ground at nine in the morning; and outbreaks were extinguished at 10, Chapel-place, Brompton-road, London; and at 9, Eyre-street-hill, Clerkenwell, at

(5).—An exciting scene was witnessed at a fire which broke out in a house in Castle-court, Fulham, High Holborn, about a quarter after four in the evening. The house is occupied by a number of families. Men, women, and children of all ages fled out of the house with their belongings, and the street soon became full of smoke. A mason named John who lives in the court, ascertained that the fire had broken out in the room in which the fire had broken out. He at once attempted to enter the room. Groping his way up the stairs he reached the first landing, but was compelled to return. A constable arrived, and both men attempted to ascend. They safely reached the top of the stairs, and forced in the door of the room of an old woman named Manus, and, notwithstanding the fierce heat, they crawled towards the corner where her bed was. As they were crawling they stumbled over her body, which was lying on the floor. They managed to get back again to the court.

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