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Dear Gavo,

Your brother Norman located this and asked if I'd send it to you.

You probably remember grandpa telling you of the Gold Street explosion at a construction site where his uncle Felix was killed and his father severely injured as a result of infections. Grandpa didn't seem to know the details, only that his father escaped through the sewer system into the East River. It happened November 1908, one hundred years ago later this year.

Grandpa did say his father's last name would be "GREEN" & not Ferguson as the police in those days had trouble spelling "Ferguson", or maybe pronouncing it. They told him it didn't matter as he was "a greenhorn anyway!". I suppose he didn't mind as it was probably easier finding work those days as the Irish were in the majority and "GREEN" being an Irish name. As you will note in the article both he and his brother Felix went by the name "GREEN".

At last we know the first day's story.

Love,
Bob