

# MRS. O. H. P. BELMONT'S LIFE THREATENED

## THOUSANDS IN FLIGHT FROM FLOOD; 21 LIVES LOST

WEATHER—Fair to-night and Saturday.

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### FLOOD CRISIS AT MEMPHIS; ARMY OF MEN WORK TO SAVE CITY FACING DEATH PERIL

Levees Fast Weakening and Mississippi Waters Topping Big St. Francis Barrier.

DESOLATION IN HICKMAN

Victims at Many Places Cling to Trees and Housetops—Twenty-one Lives Lost.

### BOY TUMBLES INTO SEWER AND DIES IN RIVER

Youngster Swept Three Blocks Under Street and Carried Off by Tide.

FALLS WHILE AT PLAY.

Companions Rush to East River Outlet With Boot-hooks in Effort to Save.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 5.—Memphis to-day expected the worst. With the levees about the city rapidly weakening and showing signs of breaking under the great crush of water from the Mississippi last night and a further rise of nearly a foot this morning, it seemed that the dikes might let go at any moment.

The river registered 44.2 on the gauge early to-day and engineers have predicted that the great St. Francis levee as well as those protecting the city would certainly break at 44 feet. Great gangs of workmen were to-day rushed to every point along the levee where crevices appeared, and a desperate fight to save that portion of the city subject to a flood and the surrounding country was started.

Water is topping the St. Francis levee at a score of points, the Levee Board officials announced this afternoon, and a heroic effort is being made to stop the overflow with sand bags placed on top of the dikes.

The St. Francis levee board to-day sent out another warning to the people in the lowlands. President Killough said:

"The danger now is great. An east wind would cause a catastrophe. It is impossible to predict the outcome."

7,000 HOMELESS IN MEMPHIS SUBURBS.

Seven thousand persons are homeless about Memphis; 1,000 others are fleeing from the St. Francis Basin.

The Government dredge fleet here is being utilized in saving life and property. Gasoline launches were sent out from Charleston, Mo., to Bird's Mill and Wyatt to rescue residents of the two villages, who are reported clinging to house-tops and in trees. In answer to an appeal from Randolph, Tenn., a squad of militiamen left Memphis this morning with tents and supplies for refugees. At Memphis to-day the river stage was 44.2 feet, a rise of four-tenths since 7 o'clock last night.

### SCHOOL GIRL SHOT, MORTALLY HURT BY A BOY CHUM

Sixteen-year-old Zoe Pettit Victim of a Skylark Prank in Flat.

AMID FOUR CHILDREN.

Fourteen-year-old Lad Waves Revolver and None Knows How It Was Fired.

Zoe Pettit, a sixteen-year-old girl, who lives with her uncle at No. 507 West One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, was shot and mortally wounded this afternoon by Thornton C. Harrison, two years younger and one of her closest school friends, while the two, in company with two other friends, were skylarking together in the apartment where one of the latter lives, at No. 160 Wadsworth avenue.

Zoe Pettit was removed to Washington Heights Hospital with a bullet wound in her abdomen, and Coroner Hellenshield hurried to her bedside to obtain an ante-mortem statement.

ROY PHARES, the son of wealthy parents, lives with them in a large apartment on the sixth floor of an apartment house at No. 160 Wadsworth avenue. He had been left alone all day, his mother being in a hospital and his father having gone to his business. He invited the Harrison boy to come over and spend the day with him. They cooked lunch alone.

Yong Harrison called on Miss Pettit and asked if she and a friend, Beatrice Tremaine, who lives at No. 412 Audubon avenue, would not come over to the Phares apartment and help wash the dishes. The invitation was offered in a joke and accepted in the spirit of fun. The two girls visited the apartment and, with aprons over their frocks, helped the boy wash up their lunch things.

Whether Harrison pointed the revolver directly at Miss Pettit or she was a dupe among the boys to gain possession of it, is not clear in the account the police have obtained. Suddenly, however, there was an explosion and Miss Pettit fell with a dark stain widening on the front of her dress.

THE POLICE OF THE WEST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND STREET STATION arrested Harrison.

Horse Destroys Her Eye.

Miss J. A. Sisson of No. 119 West Thirtieth street was crossing Lenox avenue at One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street to-day when a florist's wagon, driven by G. Maglio of No. 248 Eighth avenue, struck her. She was knocked down and severely kicked by the horse about the face. An ambulance surgeon from Harlem Hospital found that one of her eyes had been destroyed and she was in a critical condition.

Capt. Thomas F. Carter Dead.

VERSAILLES, Ky., April 5.—Capt. Thomas F. Carter, U. S. N. (retired), died suddenly here last night. He was chief engineer of the battleship Brooklyn during the battle of Santiago. Capt. Carter was sixty years old.

### Wealthy Suffragist Leader Who Received Threat of Death



### ROOSEVELT IN PERIL AS TRAIN RUSHES TO BROKEN RAILS

Engineer's Discovery Saves Colonel and Party From Possible Wreck and Injury.

CUMBERLAND, Md., April 5.—An accident on the railroad over which Col. Theodore Roosevelt travelled across the eastern end of West Virginia last night held up his train two hours. For a stretch of two miles the rails were torn up. The accident was discovered before the Colonel's train passed over this section which was dangerously weakened.

### POWDER BLAST INJURES FIVE AT TARRYTOWN FIRE

George H. Martin, Hardware Dealer, and a Clerk Blown Through Wall.

Hundreds of people who went from White Plains to watch the big fire at Tarrytown, which, following a terrific explosion, burned out the Webber Building on Depot Square and injured five persons last night, were marooned there all night because the trolley service had to be stopped.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 5.—Complete unofficial returns of Tuesday's Wisconsin Presidential primary to-day give Wilson twenty-one delegates and Clark four, with one uncommitted.

### DEATH THREAT NOTE MYSTERIOUSLY SENT TO MRS. O. H. P. BELMONT

Warned She Would Be Killed Upon Leaving Home on Failure to Send Cable to Mrs. Pankhurst.

SIGNED WITH A DAGGER. MESSAGE CAUSES ALARM.

### Rich Suffragist Leader Calls for Police Protection and Writer Is Being Sought.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, the suffragist leader, has reported to the police the receipt of a letter threatening to kill her. Inclosed in the letter was a \$10 note, with instructions that the money be spent for a cablegram to Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst in London, under pain of vengeance upon Mrs. Belmont to be inflicted by "The sign of the dagger."

### CINDER CAR VICTIM A RAILROAD MAN, POLICE NOW THINK

With Theodore Furman in Middletown, New Theories of Crime Arise.

The letter was delivered at Mrs. Belmont's home, No. 47 Madison avenue, last Tuesday. It was inclosed in three envelopes and on each envelope was a typewritten address. The outer envelope was long and of heavy paper. The inclosed envelope was smaller. Mrs. Belmont opened the first envelope with some hesitation. On the next envelope inside she found a typewritten injunction, reading about as follows:

"This must be opened by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont in person. Any employee opening it is liable to dismissal. It is strictly personal."

The suffragist leader was not precipitate about opening the second envelope. She took her time and opened it carefully, to find within another envelope, addressed to her and sealed. A touch and sight indicated that the inner envelope contained only a sheet of paper, and it was accordingly opened. Letter addressed to Mrs. Belmont and a blank for a cable message. The letter was written by one who is familiar with grammatical forms. To affect the letter advised Mrs. Belmont to redouble her efforts in behalf of suffrage for women and to send the inclosed money forthwith to Mrs. Pankhurst, "care of the police of London."

Enclosed with the cable blank and the \$10 was a copy of the cablegram to be sent to Mrs. Pankhurst. It reads:

Easter greetings. A great financier in whom I have the greatest confidence assures me that practical measures are being considered by world's financiers that promise better conditions within a year. Stop inefficient warfare. Remember the heroism of a battalion of women in China.

MRS. BELMONT.

WARNED DEATH WOULD FOLLOW FAILURE TO OBEY.

The following paragraph in the letter was what impelled Mrs. Belmont to seek the assistance of the police:

In entrusting this message to one not a member it carries with

### IF $\frac{A}{B} \times D = H$ — WHY SHOULD CITY BUILD SUBWAYS?

Or, if  $h - j - i = 716,048,779 = j$ , Why in Thunder Is a Straphanger?

CITY CLUB ASKS 'EM.

Mental Jiu Jitsu Problem Is Hurlled Defiantly at Estimate Board.

Help! Help! Now that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Public Service Commission and the legislature and the Governor and the Mayor have apparently straightened out the way for subway extensions, butts in the City Club with a characteristic objection. The objection takes the form of twenty-five typewritten sheets filled with a most amazing collection of figures, conclusions, deductions and mathematical calculations.

It is accompanied by a letter to the Board of Estimate. This letter, rather a remarkable document in itself, reads as follows:

CITY CLUB HAS "EXAMINED" THESE FIGURES.

April 5, 1912.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York City:

Gentlemen: We recognize and profoundly sympathize with the widespread demand for additional subways and for action on the recent offer of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, and we entertain no doubt that its present offer is more favorable to the city than its preceding offer. We extend to the Committee on Transit of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment our grateful acknowledgment of its distinguished and conscientious service to the city.

Nevertheless, we feel, as a result of examination of the figures furnished by our own Committee on Transit, that questions have been raised as to the wisdom of the acceptance by the city of the Interborough company's offer, and we transmit to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the several reports of our committee, in the hope that careful consideration thereof will precede final action.

Respectfully,  
THE CITY CLUB OF NEW YORK.  
By CHARLES H. STRONG,  
President.

To comprehend the mass of figures assembled by the City Club experts one must be an expert, indeed. Certainly no ordinary citizen could gain any knowledge of the subject from them, though he might, by exercise of the utmost determination, wade through the report.

HERE'S THE BIG HURDLE FOR MENTAL JUMPERS.

Few there are who could get past the following calculation which appears on page 5:

Trains carried by the present feeders = a  
Miles of single track present feeders = b  
Miles of single track of feeders of new system = c  
Total mileage of present system = d  
Total mileage of new system = e

Firstly—That to pay interest and sinking fund on the city's investment the Interborough will have to pack its trains more compactly than they are packed to-day.

Secondly—That third tracking the systems and building the Broadway B. R. T. subway will attract to the enlarged subway system only \$20,000,000 passengers the first year and not \$15,000,000.

Thirdly—The city will in all probability have annually recurring deficits which may range from \$30,000,000 to \$60,000,000 in total, or, in conclusion No. 2 is wrong, down to a total of \$40,000,000.

Fourthly—The "levelling of leases" for the Interborough will gain for the Interborough from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000 more under the contract proposed than if the leases were not "levelled."