

### GRAND JURY HEARS STORY OF FIRE SET BY "ARSON TRUST"

Sam Gold, Who Made Startling Revelations in a Confession, Principal Witness.

The extraordinary Grand Jury reporting to Justice Gott began an investigation today into the so-called "Arson Trust," the inner workings of which have been exposed by Fire Marshal Tull and Assistant District Attorney Weller. While matters are not in shape for a complete consecutive Grand Jury inquiry, it was necessary to take up certain phases of the matter today in order to procure important indictments.

A fire in a flat rented by Sam Gold, who recently pleaded guilty to arson and made a confession, was the subject matter of today's inquiry. The insurance in this case was placed through George Grutz, a Harlem broker and attorney, who also looked after Gold's interests in settling the loss with the German-American Insurance Company. The fire was set by "Icky" Stein, now in Sing Sing, and the insurance company paid \$25 on an actual loss of less than \$5.

Gold was the principal witness before the Grand Jury today. George Hallert, an auditor for the German American Insurance Company, neighbors of Gold who were endangered in the fire, and Grutz, who extinguished the blaze also testified. As a result of the proceedings it is expected that two indictments will be found.

Both these officials declare that the best fire set with the consent of the insured implicates hundreds of persons. Asked if they were contemplating proceedings against such persons, they declined to say.

It is certain, however, that every fire known to be the work of "the arson trust" is being thoroughly investigated. The "arson ring" is blamed for 1,300 fires in one section of the city in the last two and a half years.

The controversy between Fire Commissioner Johnson and Willis O. Robb, manager of the New York Fire Insurance Exchange, is still on. The Commissioner issued a statement yesterday in which he stated that a speech made by Robb before the New York Credit Men's Association at the Hotel Astor March 3, 1911.

The Commissioner said that the language used by the insurance man on that occasion was equivalent to an admission that 5 per cent. of the fires in New York are of incendiary origin. Robb will probably reply to the Commissioner today. He denied that he said anything in the Hotel Astor speech which would justify the position he has taken in his controversy with Johnson.

### BROTHER SET AFIRE BY LITTLE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH MATCH

Margaret Bahrt Tries to Beat Out Flames, but Jimmie Is Likely to Die.

Margaret Bahrt, five years old, living at No. 10 Atlantic avenue, played with another on the floor to-day while her mother prepared the dinner. Mrs. Bahrt had left little Jimmie, two and a half years old, in his sister's care. Both the children found great fun when Margaret lit a match and let Jimmie blow it out.

Once she secured her little brother when she put a lit match too close to his nose. He drew back quickly with a cry and the match dropped on to his blue blouse.

In a moment the flames spread over the little fellow and Margaret's screams brought her mother. The little girl was trying to beat out the flames with her own hands. Her screams brought in several neighbors.

The fire was put out, but little Jimmie's face was all black and burned and he was unconscious. He was taken to the Cumberland Hospital and the doctors said that there was little hope for the little child.

Margaret's hands were badly burned, but she didn't mind the burns at all, only sobbing for her little brother in the hospital who might never come back.

### ROCKEFELLER GIFT DENIED.

The report that John D. Rockefeller Jr. would contribute \$10,000 to a fund to build homes under the direction of the American Rescue Association was denied today by Starr J. Murphy, an associate with Mr. Rockefeller in the Laboratory of Social Hygiene, which is to have a building at Bedford in Westchester County.

Mr. Murphy stated that Mr. Rockefeller had nothing to do with the other corporation and knew nothing about it. Mr. Rockefeller was with Mr. Murphy this morning.

### CHILD MURDERS MOTHER.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 12.—Leroy Higgins, aged eleven, shot and killed his mother in the bedroom of their home at Monaca, near here, today. The lad was angered because he was refused five cents to purchase candy. After killing his mother the boy returned the shotgun and going into the street a charge through the wall of the house, leading the police to the spot until the boy confessed, that some other person was guilty of the crime.

### WRECKED LINER URANIUM STILL FAST ON ROCKS

Efforts to Float New York Steamer From Which 883 Passengers Were Saved.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 12.—The steamship Uranium, which terminated her voyage from Rotterdam by striking on a rocky ledge ten miles below Halifax in a fog yesterday, remained fast today with Capt. Eustace and crew aboard, but with all the 883 passengers etc. ashore at the immigration station here. A gale was pounding the vessel this forenoon and whether she could be saved, was problematical. Wrecking steamers are trying to free her. The steamer is stuck bow on, with seventeen fathoms of water under her stern. The bow plates are ripped open and No. 1 hold is water filled. The vessel is in only a few hundred yards from the lighthouse at Chabecto Head, where the keeper declares he was blowing his foghorn when the vessel struck. It was on the same ledge, and not far from this spot, that the steamer Atlantic of the White Star line was lost in April, 1873, at the sacrifice of 600 lives.

### OWNERS OF URANIUM HOPE TO SAVE STEAMER.

According to advices received at the Uranium Steamship Company's New York offices this forenoon all of the holds of the stranded vessel are dry with the exception of No. 1, which has seven feet of water. It was added in the company's messages that under fair weather conditions the ship was not in a dangerous position, and the night's wind had moderated to advantage.

It was believed the steamer could be pulled free at the noon tide unless the wind became unfavorable.

Old Payne Mansion Sold. The William H. Payne estate sold the mansion at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Alexander avenue to-day to A. T. Rigger. The old homestead is occupied as a police station. The city's lease having expired, the Sinking Fund will now be required to find other quarters for the precinct men.

### HAIR TURNING GRAY OR FALLING? JUST MIX SAGE TEA AND SULPHUR.

It's Grandmother's Recipe for Dandruff and Restoring Color to Hair.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also cures dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays skilled chemists do this better than ourselves. By asking at any drug store for the ready-to-use product—called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy"—you will get a large bottle for about 50 cents. Some drugs-

### YONKERS MAYOR ASKS HIS CITY TO END STRIKE BY BUYING CAR LINES

Common Council Expected to Reject Municipal Ownership Suggestion.

Mayor Lennor of Yonkers prepared a special message to the Common Council, to-day, advocating the passage of an ordinance permitting the purchase of the Yonkers Railway Company property and its operation by the city as a solution of the car strike. Those who have canvassed the Aldermen predict that the bill will not pass.

An ordinance recalling the one which forbids the employment of men by the trolley company who have not had fifteen days' experience in the city will also probably fail, even if enough Aldermen appear at the Council Chamber this evening to hold a meeting. The Aldermen are decidedly of a mind to let things drift for another few days to see what comes of the various moves to end the strike.

The thirteenth day of the strike was the coldest, and while it was dry and clear under foot it was anything but comfortable walking four or five miles to the depot, as many men and women have to do each morning.

Gov. Sulzer's order to the Public Service Commission of the Second District to get busy and run cars is welcomed by every one because it shifts the burden. Right along the strike problem has been one which every one who had to take a hand in it has sought to shift to some one else. There is so much politics involved and so many "careers" endangered that no one who looks for public preferment cares to risk criticism. It is thought that if Chairman Stevens and his fellow commissioners from up-State have to bear the burden something may be done, because they might "do things" without endangering their political futures. No one here has dared to tackle it with a firm hand and bring either the company or the men to terms.

Because of the strike Mayor Finke of Mt. Vernon said today that he would try to have operated a big automobile stage between Yonkers and Mt. Vernon. He will bring this matter up before the Aldermen at a meeting to-morrow night. The private automobiles and hacks are charging excessive prices.

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### Curtain Scrims, Nets & Scrim Curtains

at Less Than Wholesale Prices

- 2000 yards Curtain Scrims plain and fancy styles Values 22c to 30c per yard } 15c
- 3000 yards Fancy Curtain Nets Values 60c to 75c per yard } 35c
- 1000 Pairs Scrim & Etamine Curtains Values \$1.50 to \$2.00 pair } \$1.00
- Values \$3.50 to \$4.00 pair } \$2.50

### Extraordinary Values in Upholsteries

- About 2500 yards Damasks, Brocades, Satins, Tapestries Velours and Velvets from 2 to 12 yard lengths \$1.00 per yard Former prices \$2.25 to \$6.00
- 1000 Cushion Tops & Chair Seats domestic and imported fabrics 15c & 30c Values 30c to \$1.00
- 250 Pairs Ready-to-Hang Portieres Mercerized armure Portieres Formerly \$4.50 to \$7.50 } \$3.50
- Mercerized armure brocade Portieres Formerly \$8.00 to \$11.50 } \$6.50
- Velours, satin derby, crinkled tapestry Formerly \$13.50 to \$16.50 } \$9.00
- 500 yards Foreign & Domestic Cretonnes Formerly 30c to 40c ..... 20c per yard Formerly 40c to 75c ..... 30c per yard

### Annual January Sale of Blankets, Comfortables & Bedspreads at Especially Low Prices

- Fine Wool Blankets \$3.75, \$5.00 & \$7.50—Regularly \$6.00, \$7.50 & \$11.50 pair
  - Fancy Plaid Blankets \$5.85—Regularly \$8.50 pair
  - Comfortables Figured silkoline, cotton filled, \$1.50—Regularly \$2.00 Figured sateen, down filled, \$4.35—Regularly \$6.50
  - Bedspreads Crochet Marseilles patterns, \$1.35—Regularly \$1.65 Satin finish, \$2.45—Regularly \$3.25
  - Muslin Sheets & Pillow Cases at remarkable price concessions
- | Shpets        |      | H. S.         |      |
|---------------|------|---------------|------|
| 63 x 90.....  | .61c | 63 x 108..... | .75c |
| 72 x 90.....  | .67c | 72 x 108..... | .82c |
| 81 x 90.....  | .73c | 81 x 108..... | .89c |
| 90 x 90.....  | .79c | 90 x 108..... | .96c |
| 90 x 108..... | .86c | 90 x 108..... | .96c |
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- | Pillow Cases     |     | Hd. H. S.        |     |
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| 42 x 38 1/2..... | 18c | 50 x 38 1/2..... | 24c |
| 45 x 38 1/2..... | 17c | 54 x 38 1/2..... | 27c |

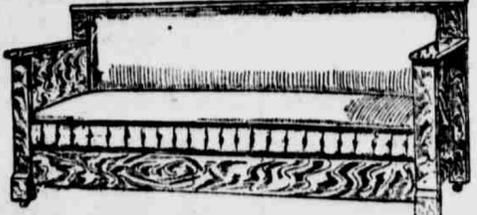
## SPAUMANN & BRO

NORTH WEST CORNER SIXTH AVE & 15<sup>TH</sup> STR.

**Our Inventory** just completed, has disclosed many short stock which must be moved this month, before our Spring purchases arrive. It may be that the many pieces for which you have been looking are among these. At any rate, a visit to our store at this time is bound to repay you.

**Don't Let the Question of Payment Bother You.** We extend you credit in a business way and on a business basis—No Favors. No Strings.—Nothing that will in any way offend your self-respect in asking for it.

**Be Your Own Salesman. Plain Figure Tags on Everything**



**The Unifold Davenport Bed**  
Davenport by Day Bed by Night

Its wonderful usefulness as a bed and parlor piece saves you the expense of furnishing an extra bedroom. The frame is made of solid, beautifully polished, with heavy carved feet. The bed is fitted with exceptionally strong springs, made separate from the springs that support the mattress. The mattress is made of the finest wool. The end and back are upholstered with fine imported leather, that is guaranteed to give excellent service. Like cost value \$40.00.

**\$22.98**

Axminster Rugs \$25.00 at \$17.98	Cork Linoleum Value 50c. 39c	Inlaid Linoleum Value \$1.15. 89c	Wilton Rugs \$19.50 at \$13.98
Velvet Carpets For Hairs and \$19.50 at \$29.98	Wilton Velvet Rugs \$12.50 at \$27.50		

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### New Silks—UNUSUAL ECONOMIES

THE season's latest silks, price ticketed in a manner usually expected on clearance goods, but never on absolutely new and fashionable mercha dise.

**\$1.75 36 and 40-Inch Satin Charmeuse at, yd., 98c**  
Charmeuse still holds first place in the realm of fashion, and the outlook for spring is that nothing can take its place. Splendid, rich, lustrous finish, in all the most fashionable and wanted street and evening shades.

**40-inch Imported Foulards, Value \$1.50, 98c**  
Genuine imported faconne effects in elegant designs and colorings.

**40-in. Crepe de Chine, Value \$1.50, 98c**  
The most practical silk fabric for all round wear, here in a splendid range of colorings.

**36-inch Brocaded Charmeuse, Value \$1.50, 98c**  
For stunning costumes; shown in new designs and shading.

**36-in. Messalines, Value \$1.50, 65c**  
All pure silk, high lustrous finish in all the wanted colors.

**Important News from Our Black Silk Departments:—**

- \$1.75—40 inch Black Satin Meteor at, yd. .... \$1.19
- \$1.50—36 inch Black Satin Duchess at, yd. .... \$1.10
- \$1.25—36 inch Black Clifton Taffeta at, yd. .... 75c
- \$2.00—36 inch Black Faille at, yd. .... \$1.35
- \$2.50—36 inch Black Brocade at, yd. .... \$1.75
- \$1.85—36 inch Black Faille de Soie at, yd. .... \$1.25
- \$2.00—36 inch Black Messaline at, yd. .... \$1.35
- \$1.25—36 inch Black Satin Imperial at, yd. .... 85c

### DECISIVE REDUCTIONS IN DRESS FABRICS

MANY new and beautiful fabrics—all being shown in this sale—at prices that will prove a revelation to dressmakers and home-sewers. The following are but brief suggestions of what this sale holds:

**2,500 Yards of New Chiffon Broadcloth. Values \$1.50 and \$1.75, at, yd., 88c**  
Excellent chiffon finish, sponged and shrunk; a large variety of colorings.

**Dress Lengths and Skirt Patterns. Values up to \$1.25, at, yd., 39c**  
Just the thing for children's inexpensive yet practical dresses, and also separate skirts; 42 to 50 inches wide, in all the most wanted colorings and materials.

**Navy and Black Storm Serge. Value \$1.25, at, yd., 78c**  
All pure worsted yarns, wry twisted finish, splendid wearing materials, in several shades of navy and a perfect black.

**54-inch New Spring Suitings. Value \$1.25, at, yard, 88c**  
A showing of new spring suitings in a large variety of spring shades and designs.

**52-inch Black and White Shepherd Checks. Value 85c, at, yard, 59c**  
Shown in various sized black and white checked effects; very dressy for costumes and children's dresses.

**54-inch Fancy Suitings. Value 78c, at, yard, 49c**  
Just a limited quantity for quick selling in a good variety of colorings.

**52-inch Imported Black Broadcloth. Value \$2, yd., \$1.25**  
An offering of black broadcloth is always acceptable and these offered are an exceptional bargain. Splendid black, sponged and shrunk.

### The Great Annual Event in the Robe Section Paris-Made Tunics

Sample Lines From the Greatest Maker in Paris. Exquisite creations, inspired and designed by one of Paris's foremost makers. We are not at liberty to disclose the name, but every one familiar with Paris fashions will immediately recognize the product.

The beauty of these Tunics—Jewelled, Beaded and Hand Embroidered—and the phenomenal values involved, will be a revelation to all who attend this sale.

- 5 Price Lots as Follows:**
- Lot No. 1—Sample Tunics in Values to \$12.50, choice at ..... \$5.00
  - Lot No. 2—Sample Tunics in Values to \$25.00, choice at ..... \$9.50
  - Lot No. 3—Sample Tunics in Values to \$35.00, choice at ..... \$14.50
  - Lot No. 4—Sample Tunics in Values to \$50.00, choice at ..... \$18.50
  - Lot No. 5—Sample Tunics in Values to \$100.00, choice at ..... \$29.50
- Simpson Crawford Co., Main Floor. On Sale To-Morrow.

### DAINTY EMBROIDERIES UNDERPRICED

These handsome 27-inch embroidered flouncings, direct from St. Gall, were made to sell from 55c to 95c yard, for to-morrow's sale, at, yd., 39c

Handsome Baby Irish, Irish Point, Cluny, Fillet and Venice embroidered lace patterns, on finest sheer materials, will form beautiful waists and white dresses.

**15,000 Yards of Sample Strips of New Embroideries**  
Exquisite Designs from St. Gall's Leading Maker—Fine Baby Dress widths, handsome bands, combination underwear widths, shirt waist embroideries, children's dress 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 39c, 59c widths, etc. Values up to \$1.25 yard, at, yard ..... \$1.00

Simpson Crawford Co., Main Floor. On Sale To-Morrow.

### Continuing This Great Shoe Sale

Women's \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 AT Sir Henri & Patrician Shoes \$2.29

In order to comply with the increasing demand for these shoes we have been rather fortunate in obtaining several new lots, which will be placed on sale to-morrow, so there is still time for you to share in these great values.

There are Lace and button styles in patent and dull leathers, and all sizes from 2 1/2 to 8.

Broken lines of Evening Slippers, formerly sold for \$3.00 and \$3.50; now ..... \$1.89

### Misses' New Winter Coats

Values that local specialty houses are asking and getting \$18.75, \$19.75, \$22.50, \$24.75 and \$27.50 for. And they are worth it **At \$14.50**

BEAUTIFUL garments—all of them—and finished in the most approved B manner. You know how mild and unseasonable the weather has been all through this fall—it has given all the manufacturers a setback, or otherwise we would never have been able to secure these wonderful values for you to-morrow.

Included are swagger trotting coats, handsomely tailored; also more dressy styles, cut on graceful loose lines, fastening far to one side with large ornaments, plush or velour trimmed. Materials include imported Boucle, Astrachan, Chinchilla, Wide Wale and fancy back coatings; some lined to hip, others lined throughout with guaranteed satin or peau de cygne; sizes for misses, juniors and small women.

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