

FIRES UNDER CONTROL

Heavy Rain of Monday Effectively Checks Forest Flames.

The destructive forest fires which during the last few weeks have caused extensive damage throughout the eastern section of the country appear to have been effectively checked. Reports from all sections to-day are that the heavy rain of yesterday and last night stopped the progress of the fires which, in some cases, had been beyond control for days.

GOOD REPORTS UPSTATE.

Colonel Fox Telegraphs That Danger Is Over in Adirondacks.

Albany, Sept. 29.—Heavy rains throughout the northeastern section of the state last night have practically eliminated the danger of further forest fires in the Adirondacks. Reports received to-day from Commissioner James S. Whipple of the State Forest, Fish and Game Commission from Saranac Lake, Dannemora and Port Henry, covering the territory in which the most serious fires have occurred, indicate that the spread of the flames has been checked.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Sept. 29.—The forest fires in this region and at Lake Placid seem to have been checked by last night's heavy rainfall. Fires on Mount Baker and Mount McKenzie for a time threatened to spread to the Trudeau Cottage Sanatorium, but were checked by the rain.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 29.—It was reported by passengers arriving here this afternoon from the north that the entire length of the road. Nearly two inches of rain fell throughout the Adirondack region last night. It has been impossible to secure reports from central Adirondack points since midnight because of breakages in telephone and telegraph wires, and no communication is only possible as far north as Neversham. From that point it is reported that the rain of last night was heavy for about two hours, and that no further danger exists there. Before communication ceased last night it was reported that heavy rain was falling, and that probably all fires would be quenched or at least so subdued that they could be brought under control. No estimate of the area destroyed can be given for some days. It is learned that all the plantations burned over in one of the best plantations of the State Forestry Department, about five miles from Tupper Lake on the Waubesa road. It is said to be practically destroyed. The trees had reached a height of six or seven feet.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Reports received this morning from the northern part of Saratoga County, where forest fires have been burning for several days, state that last night's heavy rainfall extinguished the flames. Fire wardens have been withdrawn.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Reports from points along the Dunkirk, Allegany Valley & Genesee Railroad, where forest fires have been burning for several days, state that the fires have been quenched by a heavy downpour of rain. The damage to crops and timber lands from drought and fire in this section is estimated at \$50,000.

MAY TAKE THAW TO PITTSBURG.

Order Said To Have Been Served on Sheriff Lane, of Westchester.

It was reported around the White Plains Court-house yesterday that an order declaring Harry K. Thaw in "contempt" would be served to-day on Sheriff Charles M. Lane, of Westchester County. Thaw will then have to be taken to Pittsburgh. Credence was given to this report by the fact that Charles Morschauer, who is now Thaw's counsel, made a hurry call on Thaw yesterday in the White Plains jail. Mr. Morschauer made a trip from Poughkeepsie and had a long conference with his client.

LICENSE PROBE BEGINS TO-DAY.

Commissioners of Accounts to Investigate Charges in Pushcart Business.

The Commissioners of Accounts at 10:30 a. m. to-day will start public hearings in their investigation of conditions in the Bureau of Licenses. Mayor McClellan about two weeks ago suspended John P. Corrigan and Gaetano D'Amato upon a report of the commissioners that conditions in the pushcart license field demanded some action. Corrigan will be the first witness to-day. It is said that there will be sensational developments before the end of the week, and that an arrest may be made. The hearings will be held in the office of the commissioners, No. 289 Broadway.

Advertisement for Washburn-Crosby's Gold Medal Flour, featuring a woman holding a flour bag and text: 'Some people fuss and fume and fret over bread making. The others use—WASHBURN-CROSBY'S GOLD MEDAL FLOUR. THE VERY HIGHEST QUALITY.'

CHILD SEES MOTHER SHOT

Uncle Wanted by Police Following Murder of Widow.

Mrs. Amelia Roach, a widow was shot to death as she slept between her two children in her apartment at No. 401 West 53d street yesterday morning. A general alarm has been sent out for her uncle, Robert F. Wood, who lived at the same address and is missing. Mrs. Roach's son, Bertram, four years old and her daughter Agatha two years old, were with their mother when she was killed. The boy told the police that his uncle had shot his mother.

Mrs. Lawrence McConney, a sister of the murdered woman, who was asleep in the next room, was awakened early yesterday by the sound of pistol shots. Rushing into the room she found Mrs. Roach dead and she ran part of the way down stairs apartment and she ran part of the way down stairs apartment and she ran part of the way down stairs apartment.

Coroner Dooley found the body of Mrs. Roach in the left temple and once in her left hand. Detectives were detailed to watch all ferries, railroad stations and steamboat landings and it is thought that Wood will be captured within twenty-four hours.

SURPRISE IN HART CASE.

Affidavit Submitted to Show Testator Obtained Divorce.

Following the attempt of Estelle Kitty Hart to break the will of Benjamin Hart, a wealthy American, who died last May in Paris, on the ground that she was Hart's widow, counsel for Michael Hart, a nephew, sprang a surprise yesterday when an affidavit was submitted showing that Hart obtained an absolute divorce from his wife on May 16, 1882, on statutory grounds. Stewart & Shearer, counsel for Michael Hart, contend that under the terms of the divorce Mrs. Hart is forever excluded from any share in Hart's estate.

Benjamin Hart first accumulated a small fortune as a pedler of clothing in Virginia. From this beginning he increased his fortune by dealing in real estate. For twenty-five years prior to his death he lived at 29 Rue de Galvée, Paris, where his household was managed by Mme. Gabrielle Juliette Antoinette de Bie, to whom he left an annuity of \$16,000 a year, his Paris house and \$25,000 in cash, to be paid to her immediately after his death. To his nephew, Michael Hart, who lives at the New York Athletic Club, he left \$100,000 in cash and a residuary estate, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars. No bequest was made to his adopted daughter, Mme. Isabel Hart Gullemin.

ELKINS SUIT PLAINTIFF MISSING.

Actress Who Brought \$100,000 Breach of Promise Suit Said to Have Gone South.

Ada Louise Lonsdale, the actress who brought suit in West Virginia a few days ago against Blaine Elkins for breach of promise, has left her apartment in West 20th street, and her attorney says he does not know where she is. She just took her trunk and presumably left the city.

There was some talk of a possible settlement of the \$100,000 suit, but Alfred Epstein, the plaintiff's counsel, scouted this. "I don't know," said Mr. Epstein, "where Miss Lonsdale is, and I have no communication with her. I don't believe that it has been settled; certainly it has not been done through this office."

MANY SCARED IN \$150 FIRE.

Two Hundred Employes in Wild Dash to Safety Outside Broadway Building.

A fire on the third floor of the five-story building occupied by the Harris Raincoat Company, at No. 87 Broadway, caused considerable excitement throughout the building yesterday, and blocked traffic for nearly fifteen minutes, making it necessary to call out the reserves from the Mercer street station. The damage is estimated at about \$150. The fire is believed to have been caused by some person throwing a match or a lighted cigarette into a bundle of cloth. Employes who discovered the blaze threw water on the cloth, but instead of putting the fire out the flames spread, and then the smoke went up through the hallways. The seventy-five women and more than one hundred men employed in the building made a dash down the stairs. Four men who took their time to leave the building were cut off by smoke, but were rescued by the firemen.

CITY'S BOOKS REBOUND IN ENGLAND.

Aldermen Take Action to Stop Aliens Doing Work for Libraries.

Cedric Chivers, a bookbinder of Bath, England, apparently has been getting a considerable amount of money from the city treasury for rebounding books from the city's libraries. Alderman Dowling, at the meeting of the aldermen yesterday, put through a resolution which puts the board on record against letting contract work to Chivers. The resolution requires that there go forth "an instruction from this board that no further moneys be paid from the libraries' appropriation for book-binding, except such work as has been performed in accordance with the statute above quoted."

MRS. HAIN'S DENIAL

Tells Her Life Story in Deposition To Be Read To-day.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Boston, Sept. 29.—Beginning a battle for her children, Mrs. Claudia L. Hains, wife of Captain Peter C. Hains, will give to-morrow her story of the happenings which led up to the tragedy at the Bay-side Yacht Club in July.

Fred L. Norton has forwarded to New York a 3,000 word deposition by Mrs. Hains, which is to be read in the Kings County Court, when her motion for the custody of her children is heard.

John F. McIntyre, counsel for the Hains brothers in the murder case, has refused to give up any papers or documents in that case for use in the suit which Mrs. Hains has begun for the custody of her three children. Mr. McIntyre said yesterday that the circumstances made it appear that the suit had been begun simply to force the defence to show its hand to the prosecution. He said that efforts were made five weeks ago to bring about a reconciliation between Mrs. Hains and her wife in her relations with Annie, and all of the sensational stories of night auto rides and orgies at the fort.

Mr. McIntyre's refusal means that the confession alleged to have been made by Mrs. Hains concerning the persons having deposit accounts with the firm these proceedings will necessarily cause excitement and commotion in the vicinity of the bankrupt's place of business, and it is necessary that a receiver be forthwith appointed to properly preserve the assets of the bankrupt's estate, for the reason that the petitioner verily believes that panic will reign and attempts will be made to confiscate assets in the bankruptcy place of business by depositors having accounts with the bankrupt, nearly all of these depositors being illiterate and foreigners.

FOR QUEENSBORO BRIDGE.

Aldermen Change Name, but Mayor Will Have to Approve.

By a unanimous vote of the Aldermen yesterday the name of the Blackwell's Island Bridge was changed to Queensboro Bridge. The resolution, before it becomes effective, will have to be signed by Mayor McCallister. Alderman Walsh made a speech of some length which effectually sidetracked the meeting yesterday a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$30,000 for use in connection with the Queensboro Bridge. The Alderman asserted that the only another attempt of the Board of Estimate to get through another appropriation for an inspection of the bridge.

TO INVESTIGATE YUENGLING'S DEATH

If Stories Are True, Coroner Shady Considers Case a Serious One.

The death of "Fred" D. Yuengling in the prison ward of Bellevue Hospital following a delay in his removal from the West Side court prison will be investigated by Coroner Shady to-day. Yuengling, the finding of Coroner's physician yesterday that the man might have been saved if the prison authorities had permitted his removal three hours earlier on Sunday, there has been much discussion of the case among the friends of Yuengling in the zone of upper Broadway.

CLUBMEN SUED FOR DUES.

New York Athletic Club Goes to Court to Collect Bills.

Judgments obtained in one of the New York courts early this week show that the New York Athletic Club has had its troubles in collecting money for dues and refreshments. In the list were five judgments against the following: Frederick M. Hensling, \$22.65; Adolphus A. Jackson, \$32.42; Samuel S. Jones, \$92.67; George F. Johnson, Jr., \$95.54; William P. Robertson, \$104.98; George B. Underwood, \$38.96; and Edward T. Yeomans, \$62.65.

ALIENS BRING ACTIONS.

Panic Feared at Offices of Small Banking Firm.

Three involuntary petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday in the United States District Court against small steamship company agencies which deal in tickets and forward money to foreign countries. One of these agencies is known as Polowe, Mogilowsky & Werner and has an office at No. 281 Grand street. The petitioning creditors alleged preferential payments, and transfer of property had been made. Edward Maas, one of the petitioning creditors, said:

"The alleged bankrupt was engaged in the business of sending money to foreign countries and receiving money on deposit, and as there are hundreds of persons having deposit accounts with the firm these proceedings will necessarily cause excitement and commotion in the vicinity of the bankrupt's place of business, and it is necessary that a receiver be forthwith appointed to properly preserve the assets of the bankrupt's estate, for the reason that the petitioner verily believes that panic will reign and attempts will be made to confiscate assets in the bankruptcy place of business by depositors having accounts with the bankrupt, nearly all of these depositors being illiterate and foreigners."

RETURNS WILGUS PLAN.

P. S. C. Not Satisfied with His Solution of Eleventh Avenue Problem.

William J. Wilgus, who was formerly one of the vice-presidents of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, and was retained last May by the Public Service Commission to formulate plans for the removal of the Central's tracks from the side streets, has had the plan which he submitted returned to him after giving back to the commission the \$3,000 retainer he received.

FLOOD OF FOREIGN MAIL EXPECTED.

Reduction of Letter Rate to and from Great Britain Effective To-morrow.

Because of the reduction of the postal rates for English mail, the Postoffice authorities are facing an extraordinary situation. Business houses have been holding back large quantities of advertising matter which usually is sent out during September for the reduction which will go into effect to-morrow. The 2-cent rate for letters will become effective then.

WALKED INTO A LIVE WIRE; KILLED.

Michael Derosso, a fruit dealer, thirty years old, was shocked to death yesterday afternoon when he walked into a live electric light wire in Vanderbilt avenue, Staten Island. The wire had been blown down by the storm. The full current of 1,700 volts passed through Derosso, killing him instantly. Derosso's home was at Richmond Terrace, Fort Richmond.

Advertisement for Uneeda Biscuits, featuring a woman holding a biscuit and text: 'Light—but nutritious. Plain—yet delicious. Eat all you want of them. Uneeda Biscuit. 5c. In dust tight, moisture proof packages. Never sold in bulk. NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY.'

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Work Outlined at Republican Women's First Meeting.

The campaign of the Republican women for the election of William Howard Taft was formally launched yesterday afternoon at their headquarters, in the Hotel Martha Washington, by Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, president of the National Women's Republican Association. Miss Helen Varick Boswell presided, and on a table on the platform was the loving cup presented to Mrs. Foster by the Republican women of Massachusetts, just before she came to New York. Taft buttons were pinned on all who entered by Mrs. R. C. Benedict, and Mrs. William Grant Brown, president of the West End Woman's Republican Club, distributed literature.

MEDALS FOR HEROISM.

Boys and Girls Among Those Honored by Lifesaving Corps.

When Miss Dolly Stevenson stepped forward in her turn at the yearly presentation of medals for heroic rescues from drowning by the United States Volunteer Lifesaving Corps in the Aldermanic chamber at the City Hall yesterday afternoon Alderman Doull had to lean down over the President's desk to place the medal in her hand. Miss Dolly is small, being only twelve and not large for that age, but she has plenty of courage. On July 29 she saved a little playmate, Minnie Rice, from drowning in the waters of Gravesend Bar, near which she lives.

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heavier washable fabrics throughout the entire autumn. Galatea, khaki, heavy linen, soft finished plaqué and vicella are admirable for hard usage throughout the cooler months. Among the wool fabrics serge and mohair are well liked, and for dressy occasions white is a favorite.

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WOMEN AT MORAL CONGRESS.

Women are taking a prominent part in the International Moral Education Congress, now in progress at the University of London. Leading women educationalists from Paris, Berlin and other continental cities are among the speakers.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS.

Crochet lace is prominently displayed everywhere, and the prices are such that it is literally within the reach of all. They run as low as 5 cents for a little bow, and there are turn-overs for \$15.