

PEACE MOVE NOW MAY FAIL.

Russia Declines to Give Her Envoys the Power to Negotiate.

JAPAN EXPECTED TO BALK.

Not For the Victor to Appear as Seeking Terms.

Supplication of Russia's Motives in Agreeing to the Roosevelt Plan Seems to Be Justified—Japan Has Ordered No Armistice and Oyma Reports That He Is Pushing the Russians Back in Manchuria—Paris Hears That Japan Will Demand an Indemnity of \$650,000,000.

From THE SUN Correspondent at St. Petersburg. ST. PETERSBURG, June 11.—The Foreign Office intimates that Count Lamdorff, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has communicated to Mr. Meyer, the American Ambassador, Russia's acceptance, in principle, of the invitation of President Roosevelt to open direct negotiations for peace with Japan.

The Foreign Office adds that it must be distinctly understood that her representatives will be in no sense plenipotentiaries, but will confine themselves to hearing Japan's proposals and communicating them to the Russian Government, which will then decide whether they constitute a basis on which it can negotiate.

It is understood that M. Witte, president of the Ministerial Council, offered himself as a member of a plenipotentiary mission, but on account of the foregoing he was informed that there was no occasion to utilize his services.

It is believed that Baron de Rosen, formerly Minister to Japan; M. Nelidoff, Ambassador to France; and another will act as the Russian representatives.

SMALLER PROSPECT OF PEACE. LONDON, June 11.—Yesterday's peace prospects are almost destroyed, in European opinion, by the terms of Russia's so-called acceptance of President Roosevelt's invitation. It is a matter of almost common knowledge in diplomatic circles that Japan will not consent to name her terms until Russia signifies a sincere desire to negotiate.

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MAY FIGHT RYAN PLAN.

Minority Stockholders Talk of Opposing Equitable Trusteeship.

There may be some opposition on the part of the minority stockholders of the Equitable to the mutualization of the society as planned by the Ryan policyholders' group which bought 501 shares of James Hazen Hyde's holdings in the society. While nothing definite has been announced, it was said yesterday that some action might be taken if Justice Maddox's decision in the Franklin B. Lord suit is sustained on appeal.

Any such action would be based on the ground that the election of the twenty-eight of the fifty-two directors by the stockholders would be a violation of the stockholders' rights. Persons speaking for Mr. Hyde said that they had heard talk of such action, but that neither Mr. Hyde nor the policyholders composing the purchasing syndicate were at all concerned over it.

The report that Mr. Hyde would not be able to make the actual transfer of the stock which he sold to the Ryan group until the termination of the trust under which the stock had been controlled since the death of Henry B. Hyde was authoritatively denied yesterday. Mr. Hyde, it was said, has already handed over the 501 shares to Mr. Ryan and the other members of the group. That was right. Mr. Hyde's mother and his sister had the stock relinquished, as a result of an understanding between them and Mr. Hyde.

Several more of the Equitable's general agents and managers arrived in town yesterday and joined the force which has been hanging around the Equitable Building for two or three days trying to find out what is to be done for them in the matter of advances. The agents, it was said yesterday, are rallying around Gage E. Tarbell and intend to make a stand to have him retained at the head of the department. They are going to hold a meeting to-day or to-morrow and pass resolutions asking for the retention of Mr. Tarbell.

The agents, it was said yesterday, may go so far as to declare that they would resign if Mr. Tarbell was sacrificed. Persons who have been opposed to Tarbell all through the Equitable controversy declared last night that Mr. Tarbell was behind this movement on the part of the agents.

State Superintendent of Insurance Francis Hendricks will come to town to-day and resume his examination of the Equitable officers and directors. It is expected that he will finish his report on Tuesday. His report will probably be made public the latter part of the week.

Paul Morton and T. P. Shotts left Jersey City at 12:30 o'clock this morning for Washington.

STEEL DIRECTOR SUEED.

August Heckscher Says William Edensborn Wrongfully Got \$100,000 From Him.

A suit to recover \$100,000 from William Edensborn, a director and vice-president of the United States Steel Corporation, has just come to light through an argument before Justice Wilmet M. Smith in the Federal court. The suit is for the purpose of securing a change of venue from Suffolk to New York county. August Heckscher, a corporation director of New York city, is the complainant. Besides his personal claim, the claims of six other men are included in the suit. They are Frederick H. Daniels of Worcester, Mass.; Charles L. Miller of Peabody, T. Edwards of Chicago, Michael Baucker of Baucker and the late Philip Almoore of Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Heckscher declares he was wrongfully induced by Edensborn to subscribe \$50,000 toward a syndicate formed for the purchase of the stock of the United States Steel and Iron Company of Tennessee, with offices in New York; that Edensborn used several names as dummy subscribers to influence Heckscher and that Edensborn was in reality directly or indirectly in the company, though that fact was unknown to the complainant.

The Heckscher suit was originally begun in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District, but on motion Justice Thomas transferred the case to the New York State Supreme Court. The change of venue is desired by the complainants as most of them do business in New York and it would be more convenient for them to have the case tried here.

GIRL STANCHED HIS WOUNDS.

Miss Lederer Supported Head of Man Who Fell From Car Till Ambulance Arrived.

Gustav Nerret, a shoemaker, fell from a northbound Broadway car at Sixty-fourth street last evening, striking his face on the pavement. He was unconscious and blood was flowing from his eyes and mouth.

A young woman, dressed in a black lace gown and wearing long white gloves, jumped out of the car and ran to the man's assistance. He was carried to the curb and there the young woman stood down, holding his head in her arms and stanching the flow of blood until an ambulance arrived from Roosevelt Hospital.

The young woman gave her name as Miss Cora Lederer of 213 West Forty-third street. Her dress and gloves were ruined.

MAN DIED IN HER FLAT.

Looks as if Aetion Had Heart Disease, but Mrs. Abel Is Locked Up.

Mrs. Annie Abel ran up to Policeman Farley of the West 100th street station house with a cry for help yesterday morning. She was greatly excited, but she managed to let the cop know that there was a dying man in her flat on the second floor of West 100th street.

The policeman sent in an ambulance call to the J. Hood Wright Hospital, and then went with Mrs. Abel to her flat.

On a bed was lying the body of a man, fully dressed, who, Mrs. Abel said, was Joseph Acton of 388 Manhattan avenue. Apparently he was dead. He certainly was when Dr. Breed arrived from the hospital. The physician examined the off-

icer and found that death was caused by heart disease.

Mrs. Abel was asked to accompany the officer to the West 100th street station house without demur. She said that she was a dressmaker, 48 years old.

100 AUTOS IN FIERCE FIRE.

LOSS ON DELIVERY AND RUBBER-NECK WAGONS MAY BE \$330,000.

Old Stated Stables at 9th Av. and 37th St. Guttered—Belonged to Estate of Mayor Grace—Elevated Train Piled—Police Rescue 18 Horses—Fireman Overcome.

One hundred automobiles, electric delivery wagons and trucks owned by department stores and wholesale houses were ruined last night in a fire which partially destroyed the old four story building at the southwest corner of Ninth avenue and Twenty-seventh street.

John T. Rainier, head of Rainier & Co., an automobile storage and repair concern, which occupied the ground floor of the building, placed the loss on the automobiles at \$350,000 in case it was total, and he estimated the damage to his own plant at about \$75,000.

With the damage to the building and the loss to the other concerns which occupied it, the total, it was estimated early this morning, will reach about half a million dollars.

The autos belonged to H. B. Clafin & Co., Tiffany's, McCreery's, Stern Bros., Saks & Co., O'Neill's, Rothenberg and other large houses that stored machines there or sent them to the Rainier Company for repairs. There were also five or six eight-seating automobiles of the smaller class in the place. They share the same fate as the others.

The condition of the building after the fire was such that Acting Chief Binns of the Fire Department, who was in charge, could not tell whether all the machines were destroyed or not, but he thought the loss would be total, on account of the fierce heat.

There were no private automobiles in the company's rooms and no gasoline machines, according to Mr. Rainier. The fire started on the ground floor, but its cause is a mystery.

A policeman discovered it about 10 o'clock last night. A second and third alarm was sent in and finally a fourth. Acting Chief Binns assumed charge at once and directed the operations, using one of the biggest water towers in the department and fighting the flames from the Ninth avenue elevated structure.

Before he ordered the train stopped on the elevated several ran through the dense smoke that was pouring out of the building. In one train the passengers were thrown into a panic. Thinking that the train was afire they made a stampede for the gates and when the guards ordered them back there was the liveliest kind of a fight.

Several cool headed men came to the assistance of the train guards and a few minutes later the train was stopped. The fire crushed the panic was stopped.

When the firemen got to the building they heard the neighing of horses in the cellar. There were eighteen in stalls there owned by the concerns that occupied the building. Sergeant Coffey with two detectives, Glennon and O'Donnell, wrapped up clothes around their heads and went into the cellar.

They had a hard fight to get to the horses out, but they slashed the halter ropes and led the frightened animals to the runway where police and firemen got them and led them away. When Coffey and the detectives got out of the cellar they were in bad shape from the smoke.

The flames drew a tremendous crowd, which broke the fire lines and interfered with the firemen. The police charged the crowd and finally got them back behind the lines. Smoke from the burning building filled Twenty-seventh street and literally drove dwellers along that street out of their houses and into the air.

The first firemen into the building found William Wright, an employee of the automobile concern, unconscious on the floor. Wright was asleep when the fire started and woke up to find the rooms full of smoke and the place red hot. The smoke finally overcame him and he was nearer dead than alive when the firemen dragged him out.

On the roof the firemen found Daniel J. Costigan, another watchman, who had been driven there from the second floor when he found he couldn't get out of the lower part of the building. Costigan was slightly burned about the hands and was suffering from smoke.

The department hasn't had a meaner fire to whip in months on account of the density of the smoke. Andrew O'Neill, while handling a hose on the ground floor was overcome and dropped. He was dragged out and sent to the New York Hospital. Other firemen were forced to quit after a few minutes in the building and give way to reliefs.

The basement and second floor were occupied by the Corbett Car Company, which suffered a heavy loss. The third and fourth floors were used by the Suro Branding Company. Their loss was comparatively slight. The fire chief said, the fire confining itself to the lower floors for the most part.

Fire Chief Binns placed the loss at about \$300,000, but he did not figure on the value of the automobiles that were destroyed. The full amount of the loss cannot be determined until the automobile people investigate and check up this morning.

The building was used years ago as a stable by the old Ninth avenue and Broadway stage line. The property belongs to the estate of the late Mayor William R. Grace.

PAID \$10 FOR HIS KISS.

Man Waylaid Gussie Cohen on the Factory Gateway—She's a Sprinter.

Gussie Cohen, a young girl who lives at 37 Clinton street, works, even on Sunday, in a shirt waist factory at 21 East Eighth street. The factory is on the seventh floor.

As Gussie reached the third floor landing on her way to work yesterday morning, a man caught her in his arms and kissed her. She struggled to free herself, but did not succeed until the kiss had been perpetrated.

Then the man ran. Gussie followed as fast as she could and reached the street just in time to see him skip on an Eighth street trolley car going west. Near at hand was a cop and Gussie called to him, "Catch that man!"

The cop ran after the car and arrested the culprit. He said his name was John Kennedy of 87 West Third street. In Jefferson Market court Magistrate Finn fined him \$10.

MAY SOON ASK FOR RECOGNITION.

When Norway Makes the Request This Government Will Act Promptly.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—It is expected that the United States Government will soon be asked to recognize Norway as a nation. The announcement was made by Christiania that the Foreign Office of Norway would be established and opened by June 15 is indicative that the time when the United States will have to decide is rapidly approaching. No intimation of a desire for recognition has reached the State Department, but when it comes action will be taken promptly. If President Roosevelt should receive a diplomatic representative of Norway it would constitute the recognition of that country as an independent nation.

It is not unlikely that this Government will agree to a request for recognition. First, however, there must be absolute assurances that the new Government is stable and well established. Whether or not King Oscar recognizes Norway will make no difference to this Government. It is thought that a number of European nations will refuse to receive diplomatic representatives from the newly formed Government on account of the kinship of King Oscar to their royal families.

DRANK IN NON-UNION SALOON?

Shocking Charge Against Men of the Brotherhood of Painters.

James P. Archibald and L. Sanderman of the District Council of the Brotherhood of Painters were accused yesterday at the meeting of the Central Federated Union of going into a union saloon at the opposite corner.

Delegate Reichenbacher said that if men of such prominence in the labor movement frequented non-union saloons it was a sad commentary on the present state of affairs. Archibald was not present. One of the delegates remarked that this looked suspicious. Sanderman was there, however, and made a plausible explanation.

"I never go into non-union saloons, but this was an exception. We were with the national officers of the union at the time and were going into the union saloon when they saw the saloon opposite and remarked that it looked nicer. They insisted on us going there, and as a matter of courtesy we went."

No action was taken toward disciplining the offenders.

JAPS BARRED FROM WARSHIPS.

Even Servants Not Allowed on Fleet During the Naval Maneuvers.

BALTIMORE, June 11.—When the Hornet, flagship of the naval reserves, arrived here Saturday she had aboard a Japanese chef who is said to have been adept in preparing palatable dishes. Yesterday before the Hornet started out for the war game the chef left the vessel.

It developed that the Navy Department has issued an order for the removal of all foreigners from the fleet during the maneuvers. This order was directed especially against the Japanese, of whom there are quite a number in the ward and mess rooms of the American warships.

The order was the result of a story told by Admiral Evans upon his return from the Asiatic station. Upon paying an official visit to a Japanese battleship the Admiral was surprised to find in his servant a clever little Jap who had been his servant in the Japanese fleet. This opened the eyes of the Navy Department to the methods used by the Japs to learn the secrets of naval warfare.

CRASH BEFORE HOTEL ASTOR.

Broadway and 4th Av. Cars Collide—Young Woman Seriously Injured.

Three people were hurt in front of the Hotel Astor yesterday afternoon when a Broadway and a Seventh avenue car collided at Forty-fourth street and Broadway, where the lines cross. Seventh avenue car 2344, going north, slowed up to make the crossing just as Broadway car 449 got there from the north. The motorman, apparently, got notice that the cars had crossed together.

The Broadway car hit the Seventh avenue car slantingly. Neither car had many people in it and those in the Broadway car got the worst of the collision. They were thrown against seats and banged on the floor. Windows were broken in both cars and the crash of glass added to the panic of the passengers.

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SAVED SIX FROM SAILBOAT.

STATEN ISLAND FERRY PASSENGERS SEE A RESCUE.

Squall Capsized the Little Craft, in Which Were Four Men, a Woman and a Girl—Two of the Garrett's Crew Bring Them Back to Safety in a Lifeboat.

The 6:35 o'clock trip of the ferryboat Robert Garrett from Staten Island last night was a lively one, and the big crowd of passengers had something to talk about for the rest of the evening. The Garrett was crowded when she left the dock at Staten Island, and as she pulled out the passengers saw an ugly looking black patch of cloud coming from Jersey way.

Slipping the Staten Island shore were a number of small sailboats. The boat furthest from shore on the port side of the Garrett contained four men, a woman and a child. The boat seemed overcrowded and everybody on the Garrett kept his eyes on it and speculated what would happen if a squall struck it.

The Garrett was about half a mile from her Staten Island dock when the squall came. The first gust of wind turned the little sailboat completely over. The six occupants dropped out of sight and remained under for what seemed at least five minutes to those on the ferryboat.

When the sailboat flopped every one on the port side of the ferryboat stood up and crowded to the rail. Those on the starboard side and those in the cabin ran across. Everybody seemed to be yelling, and to make matters worse the big ferryboat careened.

That scared the women folk more than the upsetting of the sailboat. A dozen women fainted and the cries of their escorts, husbands and children didn't lessen the din. The crew of the boat ran among the passengers and Special Officer William Henry assisted in trying to calm them.

Capt. William Cole of the Garrett saw that it was up to him to go to the rescue and gave the signal to stop. By the time the bell was heard the ferryboat was fully two city blocks away from the overturned sailboat. Meantime the passengers had seen the four men come to the surface, bringing the woman and child with them.

The men who were good swimmers, lifted the woman to the deck of the overturned boat and gave the little girl where she could get hold of the rudder. Then the four men divided, two clinging to each side of the boat.

In this way the sailboat drifted astern of the ferryboat and toward the wharf anchorage at Tompkinsville. On the ferryboat the excitement had lessened to such an extent that the passengers began to cheer when they saw the Capt. Cole was making his way toward the lifeboat. It wasn't long before the boat was in the water with James Considine and James Rachel, two of the crew, at the oars.

Considine and Rachel made good time to the sailboat. The four men in the water were still strong and they lifted the woman on the keel into the lifeboat. From the ferryboat it was impossible to see the little girl hanging to the rudder.

"The child is drowned!" some one yelled. "There are a few more women on the ferryboat became hysterical and fainted. The little girl wasn't drowned. She was simply holding on to the stern of the sailboat, but out of sight of the passengers. She was taken aboard the lifeboat, the four men climbed in and the lifeboat started back for the Garrett."

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MINT RUNS OUT OF WORK.

No Bullion on Hand in Philadelphia to Be Coined.

PHILADELPHIA, June 11.—There is so much silver coin in the Sub-Treasury that Congress has not seen fit to send any additional silver bullion to this city for coinage, and as a result of this condition Supt. Landis has notified all employees of the local mint that work in all departments will be suspended on Monday next until further orders.

The mint is usually shut down for repairs every summer, but it was said to-day that the suspension of operations would extend this year over a much longer period. The supply of silver at the mint is practically exhausted.

\$1,750,000 FOR PRINCETON.

Theological Seminary Settles Winthrop Will Dispute.

PRINCETON, June 11.—It has been announced that a settlement has been made between the Princeton Theological Seminary and the heirs of the late Mrs. Mary J. Winthrop whereby the seminary receives about \$1,750,000. Since the death of Mrs. Winthrop three years ago her heirs have been contesting the will by which she left the bulk of her estate to the seminary.

WON'T FINE STREET WOMEN.

Magistrate Finn Says It Is Simply Levying a Tax Upon Vice.

The number of women arraigned before Magistrate Finn in Jefferson Market court yesterday morning was unusually large. It was Battery Dan's first Sunday in Jefferson Market and he was shocked and surprised. A majority of the women were late.

At the end of the session some one told the Magistrate that next Sunday he probably would not have to deal with so many cases because the police wouldn't arrest women knowing they would be let go.

"I hope not," replied Magistrate Finn. "I don't like to see them here. I think it is an outrage to fine them, because in the end it is levying a tax upon them on other grounds is taxing vice. Certain evils must always exist. Women of this class should be colonized."

SHOT BY A WOMAN.

Accident in a Coney Island Shooting Gallery—Woman Arrested.

A young man who said he was Joseph Ryan, 23 years old, of Ulmer Park, was shot in the head at a shooting gallery on the Bowery at Coney Island at 1 o'clock this morning with a bullet from a rifle held by a young woman who says she is Sylvia Steadman of 110 West Thirty-ninth street.

Miss Steadman and Camille Russell, who lives with her, along with Ryan, were in front of the rifle range and Miss Steadman was shooting at a target when she suddenly turned toward Ryan and he fell with a bullet wound in his head.

Capt. Dooley was near and he sent Ryan to the Emergency Hospital on the island. Miss Steadman and Miss Russell were arrested. Miss Steadman says the shooting was accidental. Ryan's condition is serious.

ARTIST WEBER INSANE.