

DOG GAVE ALARM OF FIRE.

THEN LEFT TO DIE IN RUSH FROM BLAZING FLATHOUSE.

Police Get Many of the Terrorstricken Off the Fire Escapes Before the Firemen Get Around to Help—Harlem Got Up Early to Cheer—Building Gutted.

Fritz Scheff, ten pounds of fluffy French poodle which in favor of children of West 118th street, awoke from a doze by the bedside of her mistress, Emma Werner, on the top floor of an apartment house at 310 West 118th street, a few minutes before 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

She pawed at her mistress a moment or two; then tore out into the hall, whining and barking with all the power of her small lungs, short, staccato yelps that aroused sleepers all over the house and sent them to their doors to find out what the poodle was making such a terrible fuss about.

Smoke was rolling up from the lower floors and filling the halls. Flames were crackling around the main stairway and lighting up the house from basement to roof. The stairway in the rear was half burned and falling to pieces.

The five-story apartment house is one of a row of crowded buildings on the south side of the street between Eighth and Manhattan avenues. There were fifteen families living there, about sixty persons altogether. In half a minute after the little dog roused them everybody was screaming and shouting, the men doing the best they could to quiet the women and keep the children still.

There was a rush for the fire escapes and the fire escapes and the hall doors were shut against the smoke and flames.

ADOLE RITCHIE HURT.

Thrown From Her Auto While Coming From Her Country Home.

Adele Ritchie, the actress, was hurt last evening while returning to her city home in her motor car.

Ed Grace, a patrolman of the West 125th street station, was at the corner of Madison and 118th street when he heard the woman screaming in the house and the men shouting for help.

He ran part way down the street, saw the fire escapes filled with people and the glare of flames in the windows and made for Eighth avenue and 121st street, where he turned in an alarm and told Sergt. Liebers, on duty at his station house, to hustle the reserves around quick there.

Then he sprinted back and dashed into the house. He got to the stairway and was driven back with hair and eyebrows singed. The inside of the building was a furnace and Grace realized in a jiffy that nobody could be got out that way.

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ENGROSSING PEACE TREATY.

ENVOYS WILL SIGN WHEN COPIES ARE READY, PERHAPS TO-DAY.

Secretary Peiroe, as Roosevelt's Representative, Gov. McLane and Naval Officers at Portsmouth to Witness the Ceremony—Plans for Ratification.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Sept. 3.—The treaty of Portsmouth, providing for a lasting peace between Russia and Japan, was completed in every detail to-night after a conference for the purpose of comparison and verbal amendment that lasted all day.

Prof. Maartens, the Russian treaty expert, declared when the conference was over that there was a strong probability that the act of signing would take place to-morrow afternoon.

Before the treaty can be signed, it will be necessary for the envoys to approve the protocol of their last sitting. The Japanese draft of the treaty did not reach the Russians until this evening, and it was explained that if any changes were suggested by Mr. Witte the signing of the treaty might be delayed.

Both the Russian and the Japanese envoys decided to-day that they would not take advantage of the services of the expert penmen sent here by the State Department to make the signature copies of the convention.

The explanation being that the treaty parchment with the Government of Russia for any foreign Government or any of its representatives or citizens. Mr. Rojstvensky, second secretary of the Russian Legation at Peking, who is here, will make the Russian copies, and Mr. Otchialof, of the Japanese mission will prepare the official copies for his Government.

The parchment upon which the engrossing is being done was furnished by the State Department. It has a broad red line forming a border around each sheet of parchment, with a margin of about four inches.

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CZAR SENDS PRAISE TO ARMY.

Believes They Could Defeat the Enemy, but Explains Why He Agreed to Peace.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 3.—The czar has sent the following despatch to Gen. Linievitch, commanding the troops in Manchuria:

"The negotiations at Portsmouth led on Aug. 19 to a refusal of the demands of the Japanese regarding the cession of Sakhalin, the payment of an indemnity, the surrender of the warships in neutral harbors and the limitation of our forces in the Pacific Ocean.

After further negotiations Japan, on Aug. 29, yielded all our conditions, but asked for the return of the portion of Sakhalin occupied by Japanese troops, which part was held by Japan until 1875 and ceded by treaty in 1875 to Russia.

"The self-sacrificing army, so dear to me, withstood the assault of the numerically superior enemy in Manchuria, step by step, for nineteen months, obstinately repulsing their advance under your leadership.

"The army was organized and strengthened by the arrival of troops from Russia and now, in greater numbers and stronger than before, is not only prepared to ward off the enemy, but also to inflict on them an important defeat.

"I and all Russia believe in the strength of our glorious army and its readiness to sacrifice itself for the good of the fatherland, but my duty, my conscience and the people intrusted to me by God command me not to again put to the test the valor of Russian men so dear to my heart, not to expose them to fresh and endless horrors of war in order to retain half of the remote island which Japan ceded to us in 1875. I therefore accepted the preliminary peace conditions.

"The Russian troops have repeatedly proved during the sanguinary conflict their valor and self-sacrifice. Convey this to my dear army. May it know that I and Russia value the sacrifices it has made in this severe war."

WITTE SAYS JAPS HAGGLED.

Quoted as Accusing Them of Delaying Work on the Treaty.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 3.—The slow progress of the treaty negotiations, according to Mr. Witte, is due to the haggling of the Japanese.

Under the terms of the treaty the ratification by the Emperors of Japan and Russia must take place within fifty days of the signing.

It is promised that notification of the ratification shall be communicated in this manner: Upon the approval of the treaty by the Emperor of Japan the French Minister at Tokio, who is caring for Russian interests in Japan during the period of the absence of the Japanese ambassador, will notify the Government of Russia, the United States Ambassador at St. Petersburg, who is in charge of Japanese interests in Russia during the period of the war, will notify the Government of Japan.

The treaty is to become effective when it has been ratified by the two Emperors. The date of the exchange of ratifications will have no bearing on the beginning of peace. Hostilities are to be suspended as soon as the treaty has been signed.

But the armies of the belligerents are not to retire from their present positions until the treaty has been ratified. The evacuation of Manchuria will take place within a fixed period thereafter. The return of prisoners will not occur until ratification has been given to the treaty.

Arrangements have already been completed by the Russian Government with the North German Lloyd Steamship Company to carry to Russia the 80,000 soldiers and sailors of the czar's forces who are held as prisoners of war by the Japanese. These will be taken home by the Suez route. About 2,000 will be carried on each ship.

Mr. Witte, Baron Rosen and the members of the Russian mission expect to leave here for New York immediately after the treaty has been signed. The Japanese are in a hurry to get away. A notice was posted in the Wentworth to-day that they would receive the guests of the hotel to-morrow night.

Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen will probably attend the Metropolitan Club dinner in New York that has been proposed in their honor. Mr. Witte said to-day that he intended going to Chicago, if he spent only a few hours there. As has been said in THE SUN, he will also visit Niagara Falls and will sail from New York for Europe on Sept. 12.

Arrangements for the ceremony of signing the treaty were made to-day. It will take place in the conference room at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, and in addition to the envoys and the members of their suites, the only witnesses will be Gov. McLane of New Hampshire, Rear Admiral Mead, commandant of the Portsmouth Navy Yard; Commander Winslow of the Mayflower and the commanders of such other naval vessels as may be at the yard at that time, and Herbert H. D. Peiroe, President Roosevelt's representative.

A heavy northeaster with a steady down-pour of rain kept everybody at the Wentworth indoors to-day. The envoys left their apartments only for meals. They did not participate in the conferences over the phraseology of the treaty. These took place in the room of Prof. Maartens.

CAUGHT BY NEW AUTO LAW.

H. Durant Cheever First to Be Arrested for Reckless Driving in Connecticut.

GREENWICH, Conn., Sept. 3.—H. Durant Cheever of the Okonko Company, 253 Broadway, New York, owning an estate in North Street, Greenwich, was first to be caught in the meshes of the new automobile law of Connecticut which became effective on Friday.

He was arrested by Officer Andrew Talbot on the main business avenue, Saturday, not for exceeding the speed limit, but for alleged reckless driving in a crowded street, for which the new law provides a penalty.

It is charged that Mr. Cheever, while driving his own car, bumped the rear of a funeral coach.

The Adirondack Mountains, Thousand Islands and Saratoga are most charming in September. Many of the hotels remain open during the month. Train routes of the New York Central are running full. The New York Central is the best line of America. See time table in this paper.

MIKADO THANKS ROOSEVELT

BUT SAYS NOTHING OF HIS PEOPLE'S VIEW OF PEACE TERMS.

Delay in Sending Message Ascribed to Crippling of Cable Service by Typhoon—President Likely to Discourage Washington Plan to Give Him Big Welcome.

OTYPER BAT, N. Y., Sept. 3.—The message from the Mikado to the President, so long expected, was received at the Executive offices at 12:40 P. M. to-day. It reads as follows:

"The President: I have received in the gratification of your message of congratulation conveyed through our plenipotentiaries and thank you warmly for it. To your disinterested and unremitting efforts in the interest of peace and humanity I attach the high value which is their due and assure you of my grateful appreciation of the distinguished part you have taken in the establishment of peace based upon principles essential to the permanent welfare and tranquillity of the Far East.

"Unlike the czar, the Mikado makes no reference to any gratitude on the part of his country.

The latter part of the message contains practically a statement of the policy which Japan followed in concluding a peace on terms so surprising to most people. The aim was to make of Russia not an enemy in whose heart rankled grievances like those which France, for example, still has against victorious Germany, but a foe of peace and unanimity. That was the line of policy, it is believed, which the President advised, and which the Mikado shows he has followed.

That also is believed to be the Japanese Government's appeal to the Japanese people. The terms of the peace are widely unpopular, but the Government is aiming to point out that the treaty is not a cause for resentment; that the war has established not only Japan's prestige in the Far East and given her more than she sought for, but won even further and made practically a friend of Russia and increased more than ever the esteem of President Roosevelt and the United States.

The President believes this policy of Japan to be very far sighted and he thinks very highly of the Japanese statesmen for their action.

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ADRIANOPOLE SWEEP BY FIRE.

Some Lives Lost and Thousands of Houses Destroyed.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ADRIANOPOLE, Turkey, Sept. 3.—Nearly 7,000 houses, of which only fifteen were insured, have been completely destroyed by fire in the city. Many victims perished in the flames.

CURZON NOT TO QUIT INDIA YET. May Stay Until March to Welcome Prince and Princess of Wales.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 3.—The Simla correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is rumored that Viceroy Curzon, who recently resigned, may stay in India until March in order to entertain the Prince and Princess of Wales when they visit that country.

JEROME TO RETURN ON TUESDAY.

He's Feeling Better, and Has Been at Work Making a Chair.

LAKETIDE, Conn., Sept. 3.—District Attorney Jerome's health continues to mend, and it is almost certain that he will be able to return to New York for work on Tuesday morning. He had nothing to add today to his formal final announcement that he would not run for Mayor this year.

Mr. Jerome spent part of the afternoon in his workshop making a chair.

ENGLAND TO HOLD WEI-HAI-WEI.

No Belief There That She Intends to Give Up the Place.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 4.—The Standard's China correspondent discounts the statement that England is considering the question of evacuating Wei-hai-wei. He points out that although the lease of that place is for "the period that Port Arthur shall remain in the occupation of Russia," there still are reasons why Great Britain should retain it.

He quotes a letter from the British Commissioner at Wei-hai-wei to the master of a school for European children, which was instituted shortly after the British took possession, in which the commissioner assures the master that the British Government does not consider that the British territory is affected or likely to be affected by the result of the operations in the Far East.

BIG DEAL IN COAL LANDS.

Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad Buys 9,000 Acres in Western Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 3.—To facilitate the development of about 12,000 acres of coal and oil land in Pennsylvania just purchased by the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad, the Metropolitan Trust Company of New York has accepted a mortgage of \$5,000,000 on the property and has engaged attorneys to look up the deeds.

The property is in the Plum Creek district, part in Armstrong county and part in Indiana county.

As a railroad the Buffalo and Susquehanna company cannot own land, but this obstruction has been overcome by making the purchase in the name of the Buffalo and Susquehanna Coal and Coke Company.

The 12,000 acres of coal land that has been purchased is said to be as rich as any in Pennsylvania.

TAFT PARTY AT HONGKONG.

Plan to Visit Canton Abandoned Because of Anti-American Feeling.

HONGKONG, Sept. 3.—The American transport Logan arrived here yesterday from Manila, having on board Secretary of War Taft and his party. The visitors were heartily welcomed. Many entertainments have been arranged in their honor. Mr. Taft and Miss Alice Roosevelt are the guests of Sir Matthew Nathan, the Governor of Hongkong.

It had been arranged that Miss Roosevelt should visit Canton on the American gunboat Callao, while the other members of the party were to have proceeded to that city by rail. The visit was abandoned, however, owing to the fact that the Viceroy is sick and therefore not able to receive them, and for the further reason that Canton is placarded with anti-American notices, owing to the boycott.

POSSES HUNT INSANE SLAYER.

Five Hundred Men and Boys Join in Search for Thomas O. Russell.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 3.—Five hundred men and boys joined in the search for Thomas O. Russell, the insane murderer of John Wasmouth, to-day. County Detective Robert McMillin tried to organize the crowd into posse, but the searchers went on the point of firing into a party of isolated searchers under the impression they had discovered the man they were after.

Farmers are all armed expecting a visit from Russell, as he has been without food since he escaped from the insane ward at Woodville. Jennie Walker and her niece, whom Russell said he would murder, have barricaded the Wasmouth house, and armed men are constantly on guard.

DEGREES FOR AMERICANS.

St. Andrew's Will Honor Ambassadors Reid and Tower and Bishop Potter.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. EDINBURGH, Sept. 3.—St. Andrew's University will confer the honorary degree of LL. D. upon the following named persons: Andrew Carnegie is installed as Rector on Oct. 17; Whitlaw Reid, American Ambassador to Great Britain; Charlemagne Tower, American Ambassador to Germany; Bishop Potter, President Butler of Columbia University, and Director Holland of the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh.

ROCKEFELLER IN A MISFIT WIG.

Ushers at Cleveland Church Did Not Recognize Him in New Gray Hair.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 3.—John D. Rockefeller appeared at the service of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church this morning wearing a wig of gray, which so changed his appearance that the ushers took him for a newcomer and extended an invitation to him to attend services regularly before they recognized him.

TWO DROWNED, TWO MISSING.

STEAMER YOUNG AMERICA SUNK IN A COLLISION.

Mary C. Bedell of This City and Margaret McKay of Coxsackie Drowned—Jennie L. Bedell and Sadie Brown of Brooklyn Are Missing—Two Bodies Recovered.

Hudson, Sept. 3.—The ferryboat George H. Power, running between here and Athens, and the Young America, a small passenger steamboat plying between this city and Coxsackie, collided at 6 o'clock this evening. Both boats were on their way from Athens to this city and the collision occurred just below here, as both were attempting to pass through a narrow space of water between the flats and the lighthouse. The Young America was sunk.

Four young women are reported as drowned. Two bodies have been recovered. They are those of Mary C. Bedell of 477 West 142d street, New York, and Margaret McKay of Coxsackie, each about 20 years of age. Jennie L. Bedell, a sister of one of the drowned women, is missing, as is Sadie Brown of 28 Van Buren street, Brooklyn. The Bedells were on their way here to take a train for New York, having been to Coxsackie, where the funeral of their father was held to-day.

Three of the Young America's passengers were taken to the hospital, but they are not seriously injured.

The accident occurred near the lighthouse at the south end of a mile stretch of sand bar in the middle of the river between Hudson and Athens, known to boatmen as the Middle Ground. At low water the Middle Ground necessitates a detour round the lower end of the lighthouse.

At 6 P. M. the ferryboat left her slip on the Athens side, and in heading out the stream she met and struck the ferry, which was accompanied by the Young America, which was running on the Coxsackie, Hudson and Athens route. Both boats were headed for Hudson, and according to passengers on the steamer Ontario, lying at the Hudson dock, began a spirited race for the short cut channel to the north of the lighthouse, as the tide was unusually high.

As the steamers approached the cut the ferryboat was seen to next the Middle Ground, with the Young America next the lighthouse, when suddenly there was a crash and a moment later the Young America went down. The crew, consisting of Capt. Rainey, who was in the pilot house; Engineer Morris Webber and Leonard Edwards, a deck hand, with a half dozen passengers, were seen floundering in the water. Pilot Ernest McKnight of the ferryboat rang to reverse engines, and the ferry crew, with the assistance of a steam launch manned by Keeper Best of the lighthouse, picked up all of the passengers and crew except the four women named.

Miss Sadie Brown was 23 years old, and a bookbinder by trade. Her father was living somewhere in South Brooklyn, but she kept house with her sister Mamie at 28 Van Buren street, Brooklyn.

Two weeks ago the girls started on their vacation. They were to have returned to school and gone to work this morning. A few days ago F. W. Brodskie, the landlord at 26 Van Buren street, had a postal card from them, postmarked from Greenville, N. Y.

EARTH SHOOK FOR TWO MONTHS.

Unprecedented Seismic Disturbance Reported in Mexico—The People in Terror.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 3.—Despatches to the Meteorological Department of the Federal Government give an account of a remarkable seismic disturbance that has just occurred in the State of Guerrero.

The entire side of a precipice on a mountain called Cerro Duros suddenly took an upward movement, and great masses of rock, weighing many tons, broken loose by the upheaval, fell into the valley with a thundering noise.

The inhabitants of the pueblo of San Lucas, two leagues distant, were terror stricken and made preparations for flight to the town of Huetaam. For fifteen days the movement was plainly discernible. It was accompanied with great rumbling subterranean noises, and for two months slight local earthquakes were of daily occurrence.

People recently arrived from there declare that the precipice continues to rise and portions of the rock to crumble and fall.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 3.—This city had an earthquake scare last night. With the noise of a heavy explosion, in the interior of the earth, the whole of the city was shaken by the severest shock felt here in years. The tremble lasted fifteen seconds. The subterranean explosion so alarmed the business section of the city that a fire alarm was turned in, the impression being that a dynamite bomb had been thrown.

Plaster was knocked from the walls of the Baker block and a heavy bookcase in the city hall tower tumbled over on Lou Coulburn, assistant city electrician, who was sleeping in the tower.

BALTIMORE TROLLEY BONDS UP.

Rumored That Great Consolidation of City's