

AUTOS BURN ON 5TH AVENUE

ACCIDENT PART OF SERIES THAT MADE TROUBLE.

The started in Pool of Gasoline Left When Car Was Rammed—Traffic Held Up While Firemen Fought Blaze Auto Was Crashed Into an Auto.

A series of automobile accidents in which a fire alarm was sent in, the police department on Fifth avenue yesterday afternoon all within the space of an hour and ten minutes. Then just as the danger of accidents seemed at an end a hansom cab backed into a carriage in which were a man and a woman and a dog for a moment as though there would be a runaway to add to the troubles of the police.

The first of the string of accidents was the direct forerunner of the second. At twelve o'clock a touring car was standing in front of Haydn & Co's furniture store at 222 Fifth avenue, near Forty-fourth street. The passengers were inside the car. A red taxicab was scouting along close behind other machines in the orderly line moving north when a signal from the traffic policeman at the corner brought the line to a quick stop. The driver of the taxicab jammed down his brakes when he saw he could not stop in time to avoid a collision with the car ahead. Pulling to the right he had a little more space in which to stop, so he twisted his wheel and ran the overhang of his spring into the twenty-five gallon reserve tank of gasoline suspended from the rear of the big machine.

The gasoline spilled out upon the asphalt. A few nervous people passing conked their steps until they were out of all danger, but the chauffeurs of the two machines unconcernedly caused each other, hammered the bent spring into shape and plugged up the hole with a piece of cotton waste. Then they went about their business.

The spilled gasoline, about ten gallons of it, flowed along the gutter and made a stream about seventy-five feet long. In the centre it made a pool eight feet wide, but for most of its length it reached about two feet from the curb.

Twenty minutes later a large limousine drove up at Haydn & Co's store and Mrs. Althea Lichtenstein, who later gave her address as the German Club, 112 West Fifty-ninth street, got out. Mrs. Lichtenstein is the wife of the banker of 49 Wall street. Just as she got out of her car some one threw a lighted match or cigarette into the gasoline lined gutter. The flames shot fully twelve feet into the air from the large pool in the center and then settled down to a steady blaze six feet high.

In front of the Temple Emanuel at the corner of Forty-third street was a New York Taxicab Company machine in charge of Edward Wisenberg of 106 West City-street. The taxicab and Mrs. Lichtenstein's car were directly over the burning gasoline and the woodwork of both cars caught fire at once.

Mounted Policeman Plagge sent in a message that he was on his way to start the engines of the burning cars. In the meantime the fire was diverted to Fifth and Madison avenues, and a crowd of several thousand persons gathered. The fire burned fifteen minutes. A stream of water played on it by the firemen, but the gasoline spread and spread to small patches which were easily stamped out.

Edward Smith, Mrs. Lichtenstein's chauffeur, placed the damage to the taxicab at \$2,000. It was burned down to the metal frame and engine. The same damage to the taxicab was assessed at \$500. The asphalt pavement was very completely ruined. Shortly after the fire had been put out on Fifth avenue resumed a taxicab driven by Edwin Drexel Godfrey of 6 East Sixty-sixth street, in which he was sitting with his wife and another woman, passed by on Fifth avenue at Forty-eighth street from the northbound to the south-bound side of the street. The chauffeur, James Fagan of 38 East Fifty-seventh street, slowed down a bit, and a Fifth Avenue motor bus, crowded with passengers in charge of Joseph Conlon, ripped up the rear of Mr. Godfrey's car. The bus was going so fast that it pushed the taxicab machine from the southeast corner of the intersection to the northwest corner, where it brought against a lamppost. The two women in the touring car joined in the screams of those on top of and inside of the bus, but when Policeman Plagge pulled up he found that no one was hurt. The two rear wheels and mud guards of Mr. Godfrey's car were smashed and the body of the car was damaged.

At the corner of the University Club, Fifty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, the policeman that the chauffeur of the taxicab had caused the accident by backing Mr. Godfrey drove away, saying he was on his way to the court.

Ten minutes later a hansom cab started in front of Sherry's backed into a carriage containing Paul Hefler and his wife. Mr. Hefler is a dealer in milk and butter at 222 East Houston street and had been driving to the left and then jumped back. Two bounds in that direction he ran straight into the hands of Mounted Policeman Weiss, who stopped the hansom with a sharp tussle.

WHERE IS PAULINE WAYNE?

President Taft's Personal Grievance Against Railroads Transportation. NEW YORK, June 8.—President Taft's personal grievance against the railroads and that a serious one. Up to the present White House has not heard a word about Pauline Wayne, the perfect lady who has been given to the President by the late Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin to take the place of Jessie, the first companion of the White House who passed away just as summer was beginning.

It was made known to-day that no word had been received of Pauline, although she was supposed to have started on her journey from the Stephenson farm in Wisconsin many days ago. Since the news of the White House has been that a woman had come around.

AFTER TICKET SPECULATORS.

Man Who Caused Arrests Says He Acted on Mayor's Advice.

Eleven ticket speculators who were standing in front of the Casino Theatre, Broadway and Thirty-ninth street, were arrested shortly before 8 o'clock last night on the complaint of Charles F. Guion of 134 West Forty-eighth street. Guion went to the Tenderloin police station and told the lieutenant that he would make a charge of disorderly conduct against them. Detectives Dixon and Devaney corralled the speculators and took them to the night court.

Magistrate Krotel was angry when he heard the complaint. He asked Guion why the men had been arrested and Guion informed him that they were breaking a city ordinance. The Magistrate didn't know of any ordinance prohibiting ticket speculation.

"Well," said Guion, "I've been to see the Mayor about this matter and he so directed me."

"I don't care what the Mayor said," interrupted Magistrate Krotel. "You should come to this or some other court and get a warrant for the arrests."

There was so much confusion following this that the Magistrate had to rap for order several times. Guion's statement that the speculators were blocking the street was refuted by the detectives. Then the complainant wanted to charge the prisoners with peddling without a license, but Magistrate Krotel would not entertain that charge.

"I'll discharge these men," said Magistrate Krotel. "It's all right for you to be a crusader, but not an interpreter of the law. If you make another arrest like this you're apt to be guilty of a misdemeanor and a victim of a civil suit."

The speculators said that altogether they had more than \$1,000 worth of tickets for "The Mikado." They said also that Guion had caused the arrest of their helpers on various occasions.

ALICE THAW GETS PROPERTY.

Pittsburg Real Estate Given to Earl of Yarmouth Again in Her Hands.

PITTSBURG, June 8.—Deaths were filed in the courts of Allegheny county to-day by representatives of Alice Thaw which close the legal proceedings in her marriage to the Earl of Yarmouth. The property since April, 1903, when she became the Countess of Yarmouth, has been in the name of her husband, the Earl, who has enjoyed the income.

MISSIONARIES SAFE.

Driven 600 Miles From Their Station at Shen Chow Pa to Kiating, China.

CLEVELAND, June 8.—All safe. Have appealed to the proper authorities for protection.

This cablegram, received to-day by the Rev. George Johnson, secretary of the Missionary Society of the Evangelical Association, is the first word from the missionaries in China, who sailed on May 12 that they had been obliged to leave their station at Shen Chow Pa, province of Hunan, on account of a threatened uprising.

TO HELP OUT THE COMMUTERS.

WASHINGTON TO LOOK INTO THE INCREASED RATES.

Those That Go into Effect on July 1 Will Come Under New Railroad Law—Interstate Commerce Commission to Investigate the Others at Once.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The chances are that most of the New York commuters will have their grievances against the railroads in the matter of increased rates passed upon by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The recent increases by all of the roads out of New York were not included in the agreements made between President Taft and representatives of the railroads. Those agreements related only to increased freight rates.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has been flooded within the last day or two with complaints from New York commuters and it can be said on authority that the commission has about decided to step in and investigate the reasonableness of these increases upon the commuters' complaints.

Most of these increases go into effect on or about July 1, but some of them, notably the New Haven's, become operative at earlier dates. If the pending railroad bill becomes a law before July 1 the passenger increases that go into effect on that date will automatically fall within the investigation of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The increases that become operative before the signing by the President of the new railroad legislation will escape the restrictive provisions.

The Interstate Commerce Commission accordingly has made up its mind to begin an immediate investigation under the present railroad law. The commission expects to reach a conclusion on the reasonableness of the increases before the most of them go into effect.

The commission's investigation, however, will not apply to interstate rates, such as the commutation rates on the New York Central main line and Harlem division. All of the roads leaving from Jersey City or Hoboken terminals and the New Haven will fall within the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

President Taft to-day granted a date for a conference to Chicago shippers upon their request. The shippers apparently want to have an inning with the President to tell him things that the railroads' presidents omitted in their conferences.

W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central Lines, said yesterday that the result of the conference at Washington was very satisfactory. He declined to discuss the probable action of the Interstate Commerce Commission other than to express his confidence in the intention of the commission to deal fairly.

LAINE DE POUGY A PRINCESS.

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Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, June 8.—Princess Ghika, the Russian, and Liane de Pougy were married quietly this morning. Both civil and religious ceremonies were performed.

BLOCKING DR. POTTER'S WAY.

Proposed Civil Service Hurdle in His Road to a New Job.

It is likely that the Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Potter, who has been in charge of the charitable institutions bureau of the Finance Department since Comptroller Grout's time, will not get the new job to which he was appointed as director of the ambulance service board unless he first takes a civil service examination.

Dr. Potter resigned on Tuesday his job in the Finance Department and soon afterward it was stated in the City Hall that he was to be the director of the new ambulance board at the same salary, \$3,000 a year, that he received in the Comptroller's office.

Comptroller Prendergast and Commissioner of Charities Drummond called on the Mayor yesterday and had a long conference, which, it is understood, related to the proposal to appoint Dr. Potter to the new place. An understanding that came out of the Mayor's office was that both Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Drummond objected to the appointment.

Neither Mr. Prendergast nor Mr. Drummond would say anything about it. The Mayor may give out a statement to-day. It is believed that the decision is that as the ambulance board is to be a permanent body the director should be chosen from an eligible list to be submitted by the Civil Service Commission.

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One of Mile. de Pougy's witnesses was a well known Parisian milliner. It is said he was the one who provided the notorious hat worn on a recent occasion by Mile. de Pougy, a remark concerning which led to a pugilistic encounter in which Prince Ghika was worsted, a fact that led Mile. de Pougy to marry him.

While the Maire was uniting Prince Ghika and Liane de Pougy's sister witnessed the dispersal of her chattels by auction at the Salle de Drouot, where there was an assemblage of young bloods and loudly dressed women. The auctioneer opened the sale with a pathetic reference to the situation of the two sisters, one of whom was being made a Princess while the other was in the hands of cruel and relentless sheriffs.

CARRERA TRIES SUICIDE.

Consumptive Man of President of Guatemala Ends His Toss With Glass.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

CHERCHOW, June 8.—A young son of President Estrada Cabrera of Guatemala attempted suicide to-day. He is consumptive and was sent to the French Riviera recently for the benefit of his health. His condition did not improve, and he decided to return to his home.

J. B. McDONALD A WITNESS.

Denies Presenting Diamond Necklace to Woman.

The Ornament in Question Figures in Suit Against Diamond Broker in Alleged Swindling Transaction—Mr. McDonald Says He Never Saw It.

John B. McDonald, builder of the subway in Manhattan, was a witness in Magistrate Marsh's court in Stapleton, Richmond Borough, yesterday afternoon in the case of Mrs. Carrie Lee, who caused the arrest of Frank Grand, a diamond broker of 115 Broadway, on a charge of having obtained money under false pretences from her. Mr. McDonald was called to identify a necklace which he was alleged to have given to the wife of an actor and which was the means, Mrs. Lee says, of Grand getting about \$1,300 from her.

Mrs. Lee testified that Grand advertised big interest on money loaned for short periods. She says that in February last she gave Grand \$500 for the ticket of a diamond necklace which Grand said that Mr. McDonald had given to Jeanette E. Lowrie of Manhattan. Mrs. Lee was told by Grand, she says, that this woman was the wife of an actor named Seabrook. Grand told her, she testified, that the necklace was worth \$3,500 and was in pawn for \$600. He said, according to the witness, Mrs. Lowrie needed \$500 for thirty days, at the end of which time \$200 interest would be paid for the money. Mrs. Lee said she went to the hotel where the woman lived and there met Grand and the woman and turned over \$500 to Grand, he giving her the pawn ticket. At the end of thirty days no word was received from either Grand or Mrs. Lowrie and Mrs. Lee became suspicious and called the attention of the District Attorney to the case, with the result that Grand was arrested.

Mr. McDonald on the witness stand testified that he knew a woman named Jeanette Lowrie about a year ago, but did not know her to be the wife of an actor. He said he never gave her any jewelry and he denied that he ever saw the necklace which was in court to-day.

Mrs. Lee testified that a few days after the necklace transaction Grand came to her again with a young man whom he introduced as Frederick Bargerill. He was said to be wealthy, but short of funds. He has pawned a diamond ring for \$500. It was worth \$2,000 and he wanted a further advance of \$500 on the ticket. Mrs. Lee and her husband decided to make the loan. They took the ticket as security. The money was paid to Grand, although Bargerill was present. Mrs. Lee testified. The agreement was that the ticket was to be redeemed in fifteen days and 13 1/2 per cent. interest was paid.

A week later Grand called again. Mrs. Lee testified, with a man whom he represented as named Muir and who was said to be the son of a wealthy ale brewer of Scotland. He had the ticket of a pawnbroker for diamond earrings. They were said to belong to his mother. They had been pawned for a considerable sum, but Muir wanted \$500 more. He would have \$2,000 from home in a few days, but wanted the money at once. Again a loan of \$500 was made for the same period at the same rate. The Lees paid the money by a check on the Corn Exchange Bank State Island branch. A few days later G. and himself appeared alone with a ticket for a ring and obtained \$200, according to Mrs. Lee.

When the periods expired for which the loans had been made and no one appeared to make payments an expert was engaged, the tickets given to him and he made a round of the shops. His report was that in every case the pledge had been for almost the full amount of the value of the article and that the interest due would eat up whatever chance of profit there had been. The Lees then laid the matter before the District Attorney.

The case was laid over by Judge Marsh for one week. He demanded \$5,000 bail and notified the defendant that only Richmond county real estate free and clear or cash would be considered. The bond was not furnished, but Grand promised to provide it later.

MORE OF CROKER'S MEN MOVED.

By Waldo, Who Also Comments Gallant Dead of Recent Fire.

There was another alteration yesterday of the office force of Chief Croker at Fire Headquarters. It was late in the day when Commissioner Waldo issued orders transferring three of the chief's men to other fields of activity.

Michael V. Corbett, a fireman who used to belong to Engine 33 in Great Jones street, where Croker has his night quarters, was sent to work as a messenger for the fourth deputy chief, Fireman James F. Roche was transferred to the office of the seventh deputy and Fireman Timothy J. Dwyer to the office of the fifth deputy.

STAGE ROBBED BY HUSBANDS.

Women Going to Club Victims of a Phony Holdup on the Way.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 8.—A spectacular stage robbery took place to-day when four masked men held up an English stage coach driven by Harry Whitney Treat from Hotel Washington to the Seattle Golf and Country Club.

Ten women on board were robbed of \$7,500 worth of valuables. All the traditional methods were employed and the highwaymen were polite but stern.

It soon leaked out that the robbery was planned by the husbands of some of the women on the coach and that the only semi-professional was Red Gleason, a waterfront character, who did the talking and gathered the loot from the women. When he was notified by the Chief of Police that he was wanted he confessed. The valuables were restored after the women reached the clubhouse.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE MUST PAY. Mayor Kills the Bill to Lead the Whole Extension on the Whole Borough.

The Mayor vetoed yesterday the bill relieving the property owners on Riverside Drive of paying 50 per cent. of the cost of extending the Drive from 137th to 158th street. These property owners, when the improvement was first suggested, attended the City Hall in numbers to argue for it. When the improvement was authorized the property holders urged that the cost of the improvement should be assessed only to the extent of 50 per cent. on them. They gained this contention and then they went to the Legislature and had a bill passed assessing the whole cost of the extension on the whole borough. That is the bill the Mayor has killed.

VESUVIUS KILLS AMERICAN. Nilon or Simon of San Francisco Ascended to the Crater's Edge.

ROME, June 8.—Julius A. Nilon or Simon, who is said to have been a resident of San Francisco, ascended to the edge of the crater of Mount Vesuvius to-day.

The volcano is again becoming active and the daring climber was killed by inhaling the fumes.

OFFER \$2,500 REWARD.

For Evidence Leading to the Conviction of a Smuggler of Precious Stones.

A reward of not less than \$2,500 is offered by the Precious Stone Importers Protective Association for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person smuggling precious stones into the United States for business purposes.

The association stipulates that the offense must be committed before May 1, 1911, and the prosecution proceedings begun within six months after the commission of the offense. A claim for the reward must then be filed within the next six months after conviction.

MEET JUST TO PRAISE TAFT.

WISCONSIN REPUBLICANS AGREE ON NOTHING ELSE.

Vice-President Sherman Pleads Milder for Common Sentiment and United Action—Former La Follette Follower Denounces Senator From Platform.

MILWAUKEE, June 8.—A platform dealing entirely with national issues, endorsing President Taft and criticizing Republican office holders not in sympathy with his policies is to be the result of the conservative Republican convention, as far as the official record is concerned.

There will be no endorsement of a slate of candidates to be voted for in the Republican primary election, and State candidates and State issues will not figure in this convention. The final settlement of the question was not reached until this afternoon and even yet the delegates on the floor to-morrow may overturn the decision of the leaders.

There is a clash of interests, there is a clash of candidates, there is a clash of leadership, there is a clash over the proper course to pursue, there is a clash at almost every point except the endorsement of the Taft Administration.

The programme to-day was marked by the address of Vice-President Sherman. The other speeches were marked by strenuous appeals to the Republicans of the State to stand by the national party organization, and though La Follette was hardly referred to by name every address bore the marks of the convention's determination to eliminate him if possible from Wisconsin politics.

Vice-President Sherman reviewed the history of the Republican party, placing special emphasis upon the insurgent movements of 1856, 1860, 1864, 1872, 1884 and 1896, and added:

We are now confronted again by insurgency in the party, though it is by no means a united movement, as it may be said that there are nearly as many kinds of insurgency as there are insurgents. I believe, however, that the strength of the regular Republican party will in no way be weakened, but that it will go to the polls next November and record a victory, and again be successful when it votes for its candidate for President in 1912.

I have briefly outlined the growing strength of the Republican party during all these fifty years. It has not been a chance growth; it has been founded upon an endorsement of principle and policy which appealed to the best intelligence and judgment of the majority of American voters.

AND HOPES THAT HIS WIFE WILL GET A DIVORCE FROM HIM.

When the Suit of Florence Reynolds Paxon for a Divorce from Her Husband.

Paxon, U.S.A. Formerly an Instructor at West Point, was called before Supreme Court Justice Bischoff yesterday the defendant's counsel submitted a letter to the court from his client which said: "I pray God Florence may be granted a divorce from me. I have sinned and her claim is just. I am going far away from here to begin a new and better life."

The Paxons were married in 1904. The court reserved decision.

SOME ONE IS SINGING PEARY.

Peary Says It Isn't Cook—Frankie, Perhaps—All in Dr. Hill's Hands.

BREILIN, June 8.—When questioned to-night about the suit for damages reported to have been begun here against him, Commander Peary told the correspondent of THE SUN that he had planned the whole matter in the hands of Dr. Hill, the American Ambassador, who would deal with it to-morrow. He himself had nothing further to do in the matter.

The story printed here was that Dr. Cook was suing Commander Peary for \$10,000, the value of bear skins and other property. Commander Peary denied that Dr. Cook was suing him, but refused to name the originator of the suit. He laughed in reply when it was suggested that it was Franke, who had charge of Dr. Cook's stores at Etah, which members of the Peary expedition took. Franke is now in Germany.

Commander Peary lectured at Philharmonic Hall to-night. He will start for London to-morrow morning.

CAR ROWDY TO WORKHOUSE.

Magistrate Krotel Sends Snuff Thrower to Jail on Charge of Being a Nuisance.

Oliver Neal of 2486 Tiebout avenue, The Bronx, was arrested last evening on the complaint of Antonio Bischof of 1877 Washington avenue, who said that Neal was scattering snuff around a car on the Third avenue elevated. Bischof told Magistrate Krotel that Neal put the snuff on a newspaper and blew it so hard that almost everybody in the car sneezed.

The prisoner said that he was in the habit of taking snuff and didn't mean to annoy the passengers, but the Magistrate did not believe his story. Neal was sent to the workhouse. Magistrate Krotel remarked that he is tired of snuff throwers and is going to deal with them harshly in the future.

City Magistrate Takes Mayor's Advice. City Magistrate A. V. Voorhes, Jr., of Brooklyn resigned the Democratic leadership of the Sixteenth Assembly district last night at a special meeting of the district organization at Coney Island. It is understood that his action was in deference to Mayor Gaynor's expressed disapproval of City Magistrates holding political leaderships. Frederick Lundy, Register of Kings county, was elected to the leadership in Mr. Voorhes's place.

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