VAST FIRES EATING UP RUSSIAN FORESTS

Peat Moors Burning to Depth of Several Feet—St. Petersburg Threatened.

HORDES OF SNAKES LOOSE

Serpents, Driven From Country, Add to Terror in Cities.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 15.—The vast fires which have been raging in Russia for several days are increasing and it is believed now that only a heavy rainfall can prevent an appalling national calamity. The fires are in the provinces of Arcsangel, Vitebsk, Vologda, NijniNovgorod, Perm, Pskoff, Riazan, Smolensk, Tver and Yaroslav.

Hitherto the absence of strong winds in the peat moors and forests caused the fires to spread but slowly, but in the last ten days a south wind has prevailed which has caused anxiety in Pskoff, Tver and St. Petersburg.

A trainload of troops has been sent to the forest of Luga, near Pskoff, and the forest of Ladoga, north of St. Petersburg. A drought has been prevailing in these districts and water is not available. The troops are digging trenches and are raising sand barriers and earthworks. By such precautions they have succeeded in isolating the Schlusselburg gunpowder works, which the flames were approaching rapidly.

Remote regions in Tomsk have been completely abandoned. Fire in the peat soil has burned its way under the deepest trenches and villagers in the neighborhood of Perevidora, in the province of Ryazan, have taken refuge on a lake.

Many villages are suffering from a plague of snakes which have escaped from the burning forest. A telegram from Yaroslav tells of peat burning to a depth of seven feet, and orders have been issued to every household to furnish a man to help the fire fighters.

Reliance is placed chiefly in the efforts of the military to subdue the flames. Eighteen companies have been sent to the Tver district from Moscow. In Wanskoe 600 houses have been destroyed.

WESTMINSTER BRINGS SUIT.

Duke's Application for Children Is Heard in Camera.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 15.—The Duke of Westminster's application with regard to his two children, Lady Ursula Olivia Grosvenor and Lady Mary Constance Grosvenor, was heard to-day before Justice Sargent in the chancery division of the High Court of Justice in camera.

For nearly two years the matrimonial troubles of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, the latter formerly Miss Shelagh Cornwallis-West, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Cornwallis-West, have been a subject of gossip in court circles.

The couple practically separated before the public had gained more than an inkling of their domestic differences. The tongues were set to wagging when one night late in 1912 the Duchess drove to Buckingham Palace in one of the Westminster state carriages to attend a function given by the King and Queen, at which her husband was not present. When she returned to Grosvenor House she found the doors locked against her, the Duke having instructed his servants in her absence that she was not to be admitted.

Finally the Duke brought an action for divorce. The Duchess retaliated with counter charges. The case never came to trial, intervention from a high source having been exerted to prevent a definite break between the couple, it is understood.

ANOTHER BIG STORM IN PARIS.

More Street Excavations Fall In—No Casualties Reported.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, July 15.—This city was visited by another rainstorm of unusual violence to-day. Fresh subsidences were caused at street excavations in the Rue du Faubourg St. Honore, Boulevard Ney, the Rue Cardinal Lemoine, and also at the Central Markets.

Nearly twenty persons lost their lives on the evening of June 15 last when a rain of almost torrential violence caused a number of street subsidences. At the Place St. Augustin a taxicab fell into a cavern and the chauffeur and a woman passenger were killed. At Place Saint Philippe du Roule there was a cavein to a depth of sixty-five feet.

Other serious subsidences occurred in the Rue du Faubourg St. Honore, near the Elysee Palace; Place de la Concorde and the Boulevard Haussmann.

CAN LEOPARD CHANGE SPOTS?

No, but Heat Can Make "Othello" Turn White.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, July 15.—During a representation of "Othello" here to-night the Moor suddenly turned white. The audience became alarmed, but *Othello* averted a panic by explaining that the abnormal heat had caused his black paint to melt.

WEDS YALE ATHLETE IN PARIS.

Miss Lucy Brown Married to William J. L'Engle.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, July 15.—Miss Lucy Stelle Brown of New York was married to William J. L'Engle, formerly a Yale athlete, in St. Luke's Chapel to-day, the Rev. Isaac Van Winkle officiating.

The bride, who has been studying art at the Grande Chaumiere Academy, is a daughter of Charles Stelle Brown of the Douglas Robinson-Charles S. Brown real estate firm in New York.

Mr. L'Engle is a student in the Ecole Nationale des Beaux Arts.

CONNAUGHT IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Canadian Governor Cordially Welcomed at St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., July 15.—The Duke of Connaught, the retiring Governor-General of Canada, arriving here to-day after a voyage along the coast on board the British warship Essex, was cordially welcomed. A general holiday was declared and the harbor and city were decorated in honor of the occasion.

Sir Walter Davidson, Governor of Newfoundland; Sir Edward Morris, the Premier, and other officials greeted the Duke when he landed. He visited the King George V. Institute, reviewed cadet brigades on St. George's Field, presided at the opening of Bowring Park and laid the cornerstone of a tuberculosis sanitorium.

LONDON SEEKING CITY MOTTO.

Shaw Suggests Shelley's "Hell Is a City Much Like London."

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 15.—The members of the London County Council are racking their brains to find a suitable motto to put on the city's new coat of arms. Several Latin mottoes have been rejected, a preference for English having been expressed.

George Bernard Shaw has offered the helpful suggestion that the council adopt Shelley's "Hell is a city much like London."

The official seal of the Corporation of London was formally abandoned December 2 last and a new one substituted. The old one had been in constant use for 532 years. It bore the images of St. Thomas a Becket and St. Paul. Henry VIII. ordered the destruction of all images and pictures of the former throughout the realm, but the seal by error was described in official records as depicting St. Peter instead of St. Thomas and thus it escaped destruction.

DUNCAN DANCE SCHOOL BURNS.

Number of Music Scores Destroyed at Place Near Paris.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, July 15.—Fire which started in the dancing school of Isadora Duncan, the Greek-American dancer, at Bellevue, near Paris, this afternoon, was extinguished only after the contents had been destroyed. These included a number of music scores, several of which were in manuscript form and had not yet been printed.

Mme. Duncan, who is in poor health, was in Paris at the time of the fire, and her pupils had left for England a few days ago to remain during the summer.

FORBID MUNROE & CO. TO SHOW THEIR BOOKS

Ruling of Paris Courts Against U. S. Customs in Dolan Case.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, July 15.—The French courts issued an order to-day forbidding Munroe & Co., American bankers of Paris and New York, to reveal the account or checks which had been demanded by United States customs authorities in the case of Miss Mary A. Dolan, a dressmaker of Brookline, Mass., who is charged with having undervalued importations of dresses.

The court ruled that if the bank is not bound to professional secrecy, strictly and legally speaking, it is so bound by the nature of its relations with its clients, and that only public interest could release it from secrecy.

Such a release would be unjustified in the present case, the court holds, as the object of the demand to reveal the books and papers was to facilitate the investigations of a foreign fiscal administration, which are in opposition to general private French interests and are likely to injure the national commerce by involving transactions with strangers in insecurity and dangers.

Miss Dolan, for whom this experience with the customs authorities is not the first, was accused last year of making fraudulent entries and at the trial Henry Munroe was asked to produce her accounts with checks paid to firms with which she did business in France. When he declined to do so on a plea of professional secrecy he was fined for contempt of court.

In December last Mr. Munroe petitioned the French courts to compel Miss Dolan to let her account be produced. The French courts deny this petition. The case has aroused much comment on the methods of the United States authorities to detect smugglers.

MYSTIC MONK OUT OF DANGER.

Court Surgeon and Czarina's Lady in Waiting to Go to Him.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 15.—The latest report of the condition of Gregory Rasputin, the mystic monk who was stabbed by a woman at Pokrovsky, in Tobolsk province, Monday, is that he is out of danger.

The lady in waiting to the Czarina and Dr. Federoff, the court surgeon, left to-day for Tiumen, Siberia, to which town Rasputin has been transferred. The Czarina and many women in court circles are said to have been members of a cult which Rasputin headed.

Guseva, the woman who stabbed the mystic lay monk, Gregory Rasputin, asserted again to-day her regret that she had not killed him.

"I had long meditated killing Rasputin," she said through the bars of her cell, "in the hope of ending the awful evil wrought by him in Russia through his impostures. He has shaken Christianity, sowed temptation and blasphemously mocked the most holy feelings of true believers. He has enjoyed absolute immunity and openly and without concience has ruined the lives of young girls.

"As a simple Christian I could not endure his abuse of the Church. I went to Yalta last year to kill him, but he was so closely followed by aristocratic women that I failed."

Prof. Sergius Petrovitch Federoff, physician of the Czar, and Mlle. Virubova, lady in waiting to the Czarina, left to-day for Tyumen, Siberia, to attend the monk. Rasputin imputes the attack upon him to the machinations of Hellodorus, Abbot of Tsaritsyn, who was recently banished from St. Petersburg through the influence of Rasputin. He is recovering.

MRS. LEWISOHN WEDS MR. VOGEL

Assistant U. S. Treasurer Here Married in London.

LONDON, July 15.—Mrs. Lillie Lewisohn, widow of Albert Lewisohn, was married to-day to Martin Vogel, Assistant United States Treasurer at New York. The ceremony was performed in the office of the Registrar at Covent Garden, after which a wedding breakfast was served in Carlton Gardens, the residence of Sir Charles and Lady Henry. The latter is a sister of the bride.

Among those present were Ambassador and Mrs. Page, Harold Fowler, secretary of the American Embassy; Lord Reading, Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lewisohn and Justice Leventritt.

After a honeymoon during which they will motor on the Continent Mr. and Mrs. Vogel will return to America in August.

FLASHES FROM THE CABLE.

TOKIO—Ninety men who participated in the anti-ministerial riots of February 10 were sentenced to terms ranging from six months to a year. The riots were caused by the attitude of the Ministry toward the recent naval scandals resulting in the dismissal of several officials for receiving illicit commissions.

MUNICH—Following the barring of trust made cigarettes from Bavarian railway stations, the War Ministry instructed all branches of the Bavarian army to buy cigarettes only from independent firms. The order includes the offices' messes and the men's canteens.

G. D. SMITH PICKS UP BARGAINS IN LONDON

New York Dealer a Heavy Buyer at Sale of Late T. G. Arthur's Library.

HE PAYS TOTAL OF $6,305

Benjamin Franklin's "Cicero's Cato Major" Among the Purchases.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 15.—George D. Smith, the New York book dealer, bought ninety-seven lots at the opening to-day of the sale of the late T. G. Arthur's library at Sotheby's. He paid £1,261 ($6,305) of the day's total of £2,078 ($10,390).

Among Mr. Smith's purchases were many bargains which he picked up for a few shillings each, such as R. H. Barham's "Life and Remains of Theodore Edward Hook," 10s., ($2.50); a first edition of Carlyle's "Latter-day Pamphlets," 10s., and Dickens's "American Notes," in two volumes, with a facsimile of a document by Dickens relating to his voyage to Boston, inserted, 52s. ($13). Mr. Smith bought also the following:

"An Apology for the Bible," a series of letters addressed to T. Paine, with copious autograph notes by William Blake, £47 ($235); William Blake's "Poetical Sketches," £56 ($280); two poems by Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Robert Browning, with a long letter by the former, inserted, £41 ($205); the complete proof sheets of Robert Browning's "Dramatic Idyls," £67 ($335); a first edition of Byron's "Poems on Several Occasions," £168 ($840); William Combe's "English Dance of Death" and the same author's "The Dance of Life," first edition, £57 ($285) each; a first edition of De Foe's "Robinson Crusoe," in three volumes, £110 ($550); a first edition of Dickens's "Sketches by Boz," in two volumes, £39 ($195); first English edition of Cervantes's "History of Don Quixote," £41 ($205); Benjamin Franklin's "Cicero's Cato Major," with explanatory notes by Dr. Logan, £36 ($180); and William Blake's "The Gates of Paradise," with seventeen plates, £72 ($360).

Quaritch bought the following:

Robert and James Adam's "Work in Architecture," three volumes in one, £128 ($640); a first American edition of Bailey's "Festus: a Poem," 4s. ($1), and "Book of American Figure Painters," 5s. ($1.25).

FRANCE ADOPTS BUDGET AND CHAMBERS ADJOURN

President Poincare Delays Start on Russian Trip to Get Result.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, June 15.—The French budget after journeying back and forth between the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies four times, was finally adopted this evening and Parliament adjourned at 8 o'clock.

The chief cause of the contention between the two houses was the income tax clause, enabling the Ministry of Finance to collect back taxes if on the owner's death fraudulent returns are found to have been made on his estate. The Senate refused to accept this clause and the Chamber eventually abandoned it on the understanding that it will be replaced later.

President Poincare had intended to leave on his trip to Russia at 11:20 o'clock this morning, but postponed his departure owing to the delay in the vote on the budget. He will leave for Dunkirk, where a warship awaits him, at midnight.

After meeting the Czar the French President will return the visit of the King and Queen of Denmark, will meet the King of Sweden and upon touching the Norwegian coast he will be greeted by the King of Norway.

The trip, one of the longest ever undertaken by a French President, will be made for the most part aboard a French battleship and, according to the plans, M. Poincare will be decorated with high orders by each of the rulers he visits.

The visit to Russia is regarded with the most interest. M. Poincare and the Russian Emperor are expected to discuss the question of military cooperation along defensive and offensive lines.

LOST LIFE AND $625,000.

Sir Denis Anson Would Have Received Fortune From Uncle.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 15.—The will of Sir William Anson, uncle of Sir Denis Anson, who was drowned in the Thames by diving from a launch on which a gay party was taking a midnight ride July 3, was proved to-day. In it Sir William bequeathed £125,000 ($625,000) to Sir Denis. Sir Denis Anson's fatal dive was made on a dare.

NEW BRUNSWICK GRAFT CASE.

Lessees of Crown Lumber Lands Accused of Contributing.

ST. JOHN, N. B., July 15.—Sensational testimony was given to-day before the Royal Commission which is hearing the charges of L. A. Dugal against J. K. Fleming, Provincial Premier, and other members of the New Brunswick Government. He charges that persons leasing the crown lands for lumbering purposes were contributors to a graft fund.

Charles L. Fenderson of the Louison Lumber Company testified that his firm forwarded $2,000 according to arrangements made with W. H. Berry, Government Superintendent of Scales, the alleged collector for the political combine. Berry went to the United States before the inquiry bgan. John E. Moore of this city testified that Berry told him that $20,000 paid by the firm of Stetson, Cutler & Co. of Boston, Mass., was given to E. R. Teed, alleged go-between of Berry and the accused Government officials.

New French Line via Frisco.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, July 15.—The French Maritime Colonial Commission has invited the Government to establish a shipping line from France to Tahitit by way of San Francisco.

KERMIT ROOSEVELT ARRIVES WITH BRIDE ON IMPERATOR WITH MANY NOTABLES

Left to right—Ambassador Willard, Kermit Roosevelt, Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth.

Colonel Not at Pier to Greet Son—Ambassador Willard With Daughter.

The Hamburg-American liner Imperator brought to port yesterday from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg 487 saloon voyagers, including Kermit Roosevelt and his bride, who was Miss Belle Wyatt Willard, daughter of Col. Joseph E. Willard, American Ambassador to Madrid, who accompanied the young couple. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of Col. Roosevelt, who attended the marriage of Kermit, was also a passenger. She was met at the pier by her husband.

Among the greeters of the bridal pair were Mrs. Richard Derby, who was Miss Ethel Roosevelt, and Archie Roosevelt. Another was Phil Roosevelt, a cousin of the bridegroom and the only skyscraping ship news reporter in the world. Phil is known to his messmates as the "lighthouse by the sea," partly because of his altitude, which is more than 84 inches, and partly because of his vivid blond hair.

As the Imperator drew alongside her pier Mrs. Longworth naturally noted some folks who were waving at her and the bride and bridegroom from the promenade deck of the liner. Sticking out of the throng like a pine tree in a meadow was Cousin Phil. Mrs. Longworth cried, "Oh, there's Phil!" and Phil made an effort to house his topmast, but there was a jam around him and he had to submit to the inspection and approval of all the voyagers lining the rails.

Forgot Keys; Baggage in Bond.

Later Phil regretted that nature had built him so generously skyward so that he could not escape observation. He was best man for Kermit at Madrid and when he came back he carried the keys of most of the honeymoon baggage. He found yesterday after fumbling vainly in his pockets that he had left the keys at Oyster Bay. That was when he felt only a few inches high and wished he were for a while. That is why some of the baggage was put in bond for a day.

The Roosevelt party went to Sagamore Hill in the afternoon. Later there will be a reunion at Col. Roosevelt's home there of all the family and its connections. After that, on July 29, Kermit, who is an engineer, will sail with hs bride for Bahia, whence he will go to Curityba to superintend the construction of a public market. He will be inoculated for typhoid in a few days, as the disease persists in certain parts of Brazil.

George W. Young, the banker, brought the ashes of his wife, Mme. Nordica, the opera singer, who died in Batavia, Java, in May. The body was shipped to London and cremated there at Golder's Green. The ashes were in a silver urn which was enclosed by a leather case. The seal of the American Consul at London was on both the leather case and the urn. The appraiser and collector who looked at the urn decided that under the circumstances it was not subject to duty.

Ambassador Willard said he had obtained a six weeks leave of absence from his post at Madrid and decided to utilize a part of it by crossing with his daughter and son-in-law. The object of his trip was purely personal and private. He took an afternoon train to Washington on official business.

Kahn Improves in Golf.

Otto Kahn said the most important event of his European trip was his improvement in the game of golf. The London financial market, Mr. Kahn noted, was waiting for the Ulster situation to clear. With other European markets it was also holding off, awaiting the decision in the railroad rate cases.

E. T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia, who was met at the pier by J. P. Morgan, was two months away on a pleasure trip. He said so far as he could make out the business conditions in Europe were "badly mixed." He had learned by wireless of the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on New Haven, but had no opinion to give about it.

Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry, who is 77, arrived with Mrs. Gerry and his two daughters. He looked remarkably well, although a rumor on the ship said he had been near death and was restored by oxygen. The Commodore declared that there was and had been nothing the matter with him. He said he still had an interest in yachting, but that he had had no time to see Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger. The Commodore and his family have been abroad, chiefly in London and Paris, since May. They went from the pier to Newport.

On the last leg of her trip, which she made in five days eighteen hours and thirty minutes, the Imperator was delayed by six hours of dense fog. She carried in first, second and third cabin and steerage 2,384 passengers. On two days of the trip she averaged twenty-four knots.

KATHRINE CLEMMONS BACK.

Will Never Let Howard Gould Get a Divorce, She Says.

Kathrine Clemmons Gould, who is legally separated from Howard Gould, had some trouble getting off the Hamburg-American liner Imperator, in yesterday from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg. She had torn up her landing ticket and the quartermaster at the top of the gangplank said he could not let her pass ashore until she produced a ticket. She got another after half an hour's wait and landed.

Her French maid was very seasick on the trip, which was comparatively quiescent, and declared that she wanted to go back to Paris and never cross the sea again. She will return by the Imperator.

Mrs. Gould said she had been abroad continuously four years and was here to see the yacht races. She said the rumor that she was engaged to be married was not true. She was not divorced but merely legally separated from her husband. She would never permit him to get a divorce, she declared.

DETAINED AS AN EMBEZZLER.

Bank Employee, Passenger on Imperator, Will Be Deported.

Wilhelmj Martin, an employee of the Imperial German Bank in Berlin, who was a third cabin passenger by the Hamburg-American steamship Imperator, in yesterday, was detained aboard the ship by order of the German Consul on cabled information charging Martin with embezzling 45,000 marks from the bank.

Martin had 2,500 marks with him. He declared he was guiltless of embezzlement and that he had received the money found on him from his father. He will be deported in custody of Capt. Kier of the Imperator and turned over to the police of Hamburg.

Ashes of Mme. Nordica Brought in Silver Urn by Her Husband, G. W. Young.

MRS. RUSER ON IMPERATOR.

Sea Rules Bar Wife of Vaterland's Skipper From His Ship.

It is the rule of all Atlantic liners that no commander may take his wife sailing with him. That is why Mrs. Hans Ruser, wife of the commodore of the Hamburg-American Line and skipper of the Vaterland, was not allowed to come to America with him, but came by another ship of the line.

She chose the Imperator, the Vaterland's little sister, which arrived yesterday, bringing along her little son, Commodore Hans, Jr.

THE SEAGOERS.

Arrivals by the Hamburg-American liner Imperator from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg:

Dr. Otto Appel.
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Beardsley.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradshaw.
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bush.
Mrs. E. W. Chase.
A. H. Cobden.
Randolph Frothingham.
Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry.
Miss Angelica L. Gerry.
Miss Mabel Gerry.
Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hanna.
Otto H. Kahn.
Roy A. Ketcham.
Mrs. Nicholas Longworth.
Gen. and Mrs. Charles Miller.
M. M. Moorehouse.
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Ruser.
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Searles.
Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury.
S. Earl Taylor.
Mrs. Harriet W. Vail.
Richmond Amos Ware.
Francis M. Whitehouse.
A. R. Wheeler.
James Hewitt Baldwin.
Mrs. Howard Gould.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hewitt.
A. T. Johnston.
John S. Mitchell.
Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt.
Miss Julia Sanderson.
Count de Vallombrosa.
J. E. Willard.
A. B. Mathews.

Sailing by the White Star liner Cedric for Queenstown and Liverpool:

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Battey.
Carroll T. Bond.
Bishop C. S. Burch.
Frank O. Butler.
Mrs. A. Morgan Cosby.
Alfred Crebbin.
John F. Crosby.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Crosby.
Charles W. Greaves.
Mrs. D. C. Baldeman.
Bishop James O'Reilly.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Pitt.
Mrs. Jean Prentice.
Dr. E. Guernsey Rankin.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. E. Strickland.
E. F. B. Wyatt.

By the Italian liner Stampalia for the Mediterranean:

Miss Elizabeth Church Barrow.
Miss Patience Crenshaw Barrow.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Maurice de Planches.
Mrs. Mabel G. Dodge.
Miss Frances Galving.
Robert Keys Kendall.
Judge and Mrs. Robert C. Pugh.
Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Stewart.

By the United Fruit steamship Metapan for the Caribbean:

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell M. Chittenden.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gould.
R. V. Hotchkiss.
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stearns.
Robert J. Harper.
Gen. J. M. Maldonado.

LEBAUDY AGAIN IN COURTS.

Purchasers of His French Property Agree to Pay Transfer Duty.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, July 15.—Jacques Lebaudy, formerly "Emperor of the Sahara," is again in the courts. The courts appointed experts to place a valuation on certain real estate which Lebaudy entrusted to the Carnegie Trust Company for administration some time ago. Isidore Lambert, whom the Carnegie company appointed to manage the property, succeeded in selling it for 2,000,000 francs ($400,000), although it was said to be worth 5,000,000 francs ($1,000,000).

The French Treasury Department took up the question, and the purchasers with whom Lambert dealt have agreed to pay the transfer duty on 2,000,000 francs.

Lebaudy was much incensed when the French police would not let him set up his kingdom in the Sahara, and announced that he would leave France to its fate. He came to the United States and in 1909 executed a power of attorney to the Carnegie Trust Company to sell his estate in France valued at 10,000,000 francs ($2,000,000).

The company did sell part of the property for $400,000 and it failed just about the time the cash was deposited to his credit on this side. This sum, added to what he already had, gave him a credit in the neighborhood of $1,651,000.

Lebaudy in an attempt to have himself made a preferred creditor alleged that the representatives of the company had acted collusively in selling the property for $400,000. It was really worth $1,000,000, he alleged.

The case is still pending on appeal.

FAILS TO SWIM THE CHANNEL.

Jabez Wolffe Forced to Give Up Because of Wind.

BOULOGNE, July 15.—A rising wind and sea forced Jabez Wolffe, the English amateur long distance swimmer, to abandon his tenth attempt to swim the English Channel to-day. He entered the water at 4 o'clock this morning, at Cape Grisnez and reached midchannel at 10:05.

Only two men have ever swum the channel, Capt. Matthew Webb, in 1875, and William T. Burgess, three years ago.

4,000,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN BELFAST

150,000 Rounds Captured—Seized by Police in Cement Bags in Durham.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 16.—One hundred and fifty thousand rounds of ammunition, concealed in bags of cement which were consigned to Belfast, were seized by the police at Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, yesterday.

The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent at Belfast telegraphs that 1,000,000 rounds were removed last evening to one depot, where they will be held until they are wanted. They were not a part of the consignment of 3,500,000 which was brought in by the steamer Mountjoy. In Belfast alone there are now 4,000,000 rounds which are held in reserve.

The parliamentary situation as regards Ulster is practically unchanged. Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, at the close of a conference this evening with Lord Lansdowne, Bonar Law and Arthur J. Balfour, at Stanfordham, had a long interview with Premier Asquith.

It is said that the amending bill to the home rule measure has been provisionally put down for first reading in the House of Commons on Monday.

Hopeful rumors of an arrangement are persistent, but are not confirmed. John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, is reported to have resolved not to bulge an inch from his position on the amending bill as originally proposed by the Government, his extreme concession being to let each county in Ulster decide by vote whether or not it shall be excluded from the operation of home rule.

DENIES STORY ABOUT MR. ASTOR

C. A. Peabody Says He and Son Waldorf Are Not Estranged.

Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and a close personal friend of William Waldorf Astor, said yesterday that he was in a position to deny absolutely the statement contained in a London despatch and printed here to the effect that Mr. Astor and his son Waldorf have been estranged because of a witty remark by Mrs. Astor and had given up the idea of obtaining a dukedom as a result of the quarrel.

"I can say there isn't a word of truth in it," declared Mr. Peabody when he was asked if he could throw any light on the story. "I am in constant communication with Mr. Astor and know that he and his son are not estranged. As for his striving to obtain a dukedom, that is absurd on the face of it. If he has decided to sell the *Observer* and the *Pall Mall Gazette*, that decision has nothing to do with this alleged estrangement."

$4,587,210 OWED BY A.M.GRENFELL'S BANK

Profits Shown by Directors' Report to Have Been $111,645 in 1913.

ASSETS OVERESTIMATED

Shareholders Are Likely to Get Nothing, It Is Reported.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 15.—At a meeting to-day of creditors of the firm of Chaplin, Milne, Grenfell & Co., Ltd., bankers, which suspended June 6 last, a statement was received from the directors showing the liabilities to be £917,442 ($4,587,210) and the assets £887,525 ($4,437,625).

The profits were shown by the report to have increased from £9,516 ($47,580) in 1907 to £33,813 ($169,065) in 1911 and £22,329 ($111,645) in 1913.

The directors attributed the firm's insolvency to the depreciation of securities and the inability to realize or borrow on them, more especially on those taken over from the Canadian Agency, Ltd.

The receiver announced that the assets have been largely overestimated. They include, he said, £568,000 ($2,840,000) worth of shares in the Chilian Construction Company, which cannot now be realized upon. It is probable that the shareholders will get nothing.

Sir William Plender, formerly president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, who is auditor to many railways in England and abroad, has been appointed liquidator.

The firm of Chaplin, Milne, Grenfell & Co., Ltd., was registered fifteen years ago to take over the business of Morton, Chaplin & Co. of London. This was the successor of the firm of Morton, Rose & Co., which was at one time the London house of Morton, Bliss & Co. of New York, in which Levi P. Morton was the senior partner.

At the time of the suspension of the London bank, June 6, it was said that the liabilities were £3,000,000 ($15,000,000). The bank was capitalized at £350,000 ($1,750,000) and the outstanding deposits were £250,000 ($1,250,000).

The failure was attributed, in part at least, to extensive operations in Grand Trunk railway securities by Arthur Morton Grenfell, formerly a member of the firm. Grenfell, who had been a consistent bull operator in Canada, established the Canadian Agency for the exploitation and development of Canadian securities, particularly immigration land. He failed a few weeks before the suspension of the London bank. Following the close of the London house the Canadian Agency also suspended.

WOMEN LASH MAN WITH WHIPS.

Suffragettes Attack Secretary of State for Scotland.

LONDON, July 15.—Two militant suffragettes armed with dog whips attacked Thomas McKinnon Wood, Secretary of State for Scotland, as he left his home in Portland Place, West, this morning and lashed him severely. Seizing his coat collar, they showered heavy blows on his neck and shoulders with the whips.

Mr. Wood, unable to keep out of range of the militants, protected himself as best he could without offering violence to the women, but nearly a dozen blows took effect before policemen arrived. The women then fought the police savagely, scratching their faces and trying to use the whips on them. They struggled constantly while being taken to the police station and continued to scream "Votes for women!"

Mr. Wood was attacked by suffragettes last January, but with less painful results. He was delivering a speech in the Edinburgh high school when a militant hurled a paper bag filled with flour at him. The bag struck his head, covering him with flour.

CAN'T CUT PASTOR'S PAY, QUIT.

Five Trustees of Union Baptist Church, Greenpoint, Resign.

Five trustees of the Union Baptist Church, Greenpoint, resigned yesterday. They wanted the salary of the pastor, the Rev. Justin D. Field, reduced to cut down the church's expenses, but their resolution was lost. Their disapproval of this caused them to resign, it is said.

The five members who resigned are William L. Bond, W. H. Fanning, J. B. Mooney, Edward Hahn and Charles Van Horn.

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