

42-CENT-A-METER GUN BALKS LEBAUDY

His Messenger Boy Aide-de-Camp Presents Communique on New Siege.

STORY OF THE RETREAT

Jacques Lebaudy, or, as he prefers to be called, Jacques L. Empereur of the Sahara, is marshalling his army of messenger boys once more to the attack, having recovered completely from the effects of the disastrous battle of Meadow Brook in which he and four boys were defeated by Sheriff Stephen P. Pettit and forced to "surrender to the United States."

The military information was communicated last night by an aide-de-camp who was sent from the emperor's headquarters, whereabouts unknown, in the person of messenger boy No. 912 of the Postal Telegraph Company, belonging to that company's headquarters, being encamped in the Postal's office at 49 West Eighth street.

LETTERS HIS ORDERS

"Here's what he told me to do—my orders, he called 'em. First, I'm to go to the stable and get out my horse and his best carriage. That's the bay horse he rode in the battle of Meadow Brook, remember, when he had four of us with him and was blowing a tin horn on a sack around his neck. After I've done that to the messenger boys, I'm to go to the house and keep watch on the missus and the maid and if they go out I'm to do the Sherlock Holmes act and watch 'em."

FORCED TO RETREAT

"Then a big chap comes out with what looked to me like one of those 42-cent-a-meter cannons in his hand and I started a retreat for Petrograd, looking for a trench. Maybe he was a thousand yards away, but he was fighting in that battle."

THE HORSE

"When I went to the stable to get out the horse it was locked, and I mean locked, as he called it. And of course, after retreating once, I couldn't go back to the house for the safe. So I left 'em there and went on."

THE MESSUS

"I forgot to say that Lebaudy told me to call the roll of all his cows and horses and chickens and see if they were all there. I did that. There were five chickens and six cows and two horses. There was about sixty acres of land, too, I guess. Gee! it was a swell place."

ELECTRICITY REDUCES FIRES

Total Loss in City for Year Reported at \$8,217,811.

The substitution of electricity for other methods of heating and lighting in this city during the last year was responsible for the low percentage of fires, according to figures compiled yesterday from the report of the Fire Commissioner, Robert Adamson. The estimated loss from fire last year in New York was \$8,217,811. Only 3 per cent of the total loss is attributed to defects in electrical systems or traceable to violations of the Fire Department's warnings.

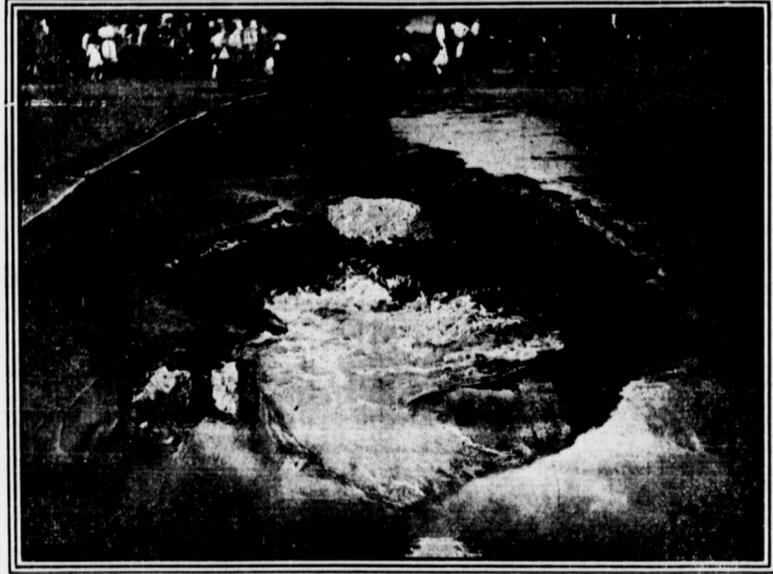
TEACHERS URGED TO UNIONIZE

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, issued yesterday an appeal to the school teachers of the United States to organize unions.

COMPEERS PROMISE THEM SUPPORT OF ORGANIZED LABOR

"Teachers must help themselves," he said. "They must organize. The school system belongs to the people and must be adapted to their needs. If teachers organize in order to occupy a place in that system that is theirs by right of service they will infuse into it spirit and purpose. If they do not, they will be reduced to a mere machine."

BURSTING WATER MAIN SENDS TWO RIVERS RUSHING INTO CENTRAL PARK



Hole torn in pavement of Central Park West between rooth and roist streets by bursting of water main.

With a roar that could be heard for several blocks a twelve inch water main burst in front of 407 Central Park West, near 101st street, about 9:30 yesterday morning, and shot a geyser through the asphalt and into the air to a height of twenty feet. Thousands of gallons of water poured out of the big rent in the street. Luckily the two rivers which formed did not go in the direction of the house, but flowed eastward into the park.

SUSPECT GUNMEN IN CORD MYSTERY

Jersey Authorities Send a Detective Here to Make East Side Search.

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FRAUD IS CHARGED TO VERNON CASTLES

Dancers Alleged to Have Misappropriated Moneys of Restaurant Company.

Charges of fraud against Vernon Castles and his wife, Irene Castles, the dancers, are made in a suit filed in the Supreme Court, in which it is alleged that the Castles misappropriated moneys of the Ansdall Company, Inc., which conducted a restaurant in the Heidelberg building, Broadway and Forty-second street, so the creditors of the corporation have been unable to collect judgments.

AQUEDUCT VALVES FOUND DEFECTIVE

Recent tests by engineers of the Board of Water Supply have disclosed that many of the bronze valves and castings in the new Catskill aqueduct are defective and will have to be replaced.

THEATRE ROW UP IN COURT

Manager Charges Musicians With Getting \$225 by Extortion.

Charles B. Wilson, a musician, of 363 East 157th street, was held in \$1,000 bail in Yorkville police court yesterday on a charge of extortion made by Samuel Mirbach, manager of Daly's Theatre, Broadway and Thirtieth street.

TWO GIRLS SWIM SEVEN MILES

Circle Swinburne Island After Fighting Wind and Tide.

Miss Helen Saunders, 16 years old, and Miss Alice Nelson, 15, two Staten Island swimmers, defied the strong east wind and the ebullient tide yesterday afternoon and swam from South Beach and around Swinburne Island, in the lower bay.

MRS. NICHOLS BURIED

No Reward Offered for Apprehension of Her Murderers.

The police made absolutely no progress yesterday in their search for Arthur Walton, Eddie and the Italian in connection with the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Griggs Nichols after a struggle on Wednesday night. Neither could they find any of the \$15,000 in stolen jewelry in pawnshops.

MILK DRIVERS SETTLE STRIKE

A statement by D. S. Horton, secretary of the Sheffield Farms-Slawson-Decker Company, given out yesterday, said that all of the drivers who had been on a strike had returned to work with the exception of four or five, whom the company declined to take back.

Forty-five Dog Owners Fined.

The Health Department crusade in the Borough of Richmond against unlicensed dogs resulted in seventy-four cases in a week. Forty-four owners were fined \$1 each, one was fined \$2 and twenty-nine instances were suspended.

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