



THE WEATHER. SAN FRANCISCO AND VICINITY. Cloudy Friday; light south winds, changing to brisk westerly. A. G. MCADIE, District Forecaster.

THE CALL

THE THEATERS. ALCAZAR—"The Great Interrogation." CENTRAL—"On the Wabash." CHUTES—Vaudeville. Matinee. COLUMBIA—"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." GRAND—"Arrah Na Pogue." ORPHEUM—Vaudeville. TIVOLI—"Rob Roy."

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PRESIDENT BALKED BY JAPANESE

His Peace Scheme Is Altered by Komura.

Figures Inserted That Caused Break in Negotiations.

Chief Executive Is Diligently at Work Repairing the Damage Done.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 24.—The prospects of peace seem desperate, but they are not hopeless, despite the prevailing pessimism. There is still a chance, and the forces working for peace are continuing their labors. The President failed twice, but he is fighting on. The result of Ambassador Meyer's audience at Peterhof yesterday was unsatisfactory, but at least it was not a rebuff. It left the door open, and within a few hours after the receipt at Oyster Bay of Mr. Meyer's account of his audience the President had sent a new appeal, through Mr. de Witte, who received it from Mr. Peirce at 3 o'clock this morning.

The Emperor had already, in effect, declined the proposed compromise offered by Japan. He had refused it because under a disguise, Japan offered to withdraw an article asking for remuneration for the cost of the war, on condition that Russia repurchase from the military possession of Saghalien at a price of 1,200,000,000 yen—the estimated "prix de guerre."

Every message received from Peterhof, including those that came early today, was inflexible upon that point. Had Japan not insisted upon the cost that been left for future adjustment, the proposition undoubtedly would have proved more palatable. And the divergence in the compromise, as suggested by the President and as offered by Japan at the conference, which was mentioned in these dispatches last night, touched this very point.

COMPROMISE TAMPERED WITH. The President did not suggest a price or the fixing of a price, and it is believed, although this cannot be affirmed, that his latest effort was to secure the consent of the Emperor to agree to accept the Japanese proposition with the amount subject to further adjustment by an arbitration board or otherwise.

According to the Japanese, Mr. de Witte has already offered to divide Saghalien. If the repurchase of Saghalien was based upon a purchasable basis, the following lines from the authorized statement of the Russian position given last night should be borne in mind: "All that Japan does is to join the question of Saghalien with that of a cash payment and to insist upon a cost under the name of purchase money. The transaction is fictitious and the terminology misleading. If what is proposed be in truth a purchase and sale, it should be treated as such, and, therefore, Japan should keep it and conclude peace on the basis of the concessions already made."

JAPAN MAY MAKE CONCESSION. Japan, it is believed, would make the concessions suggested, if Emperor Nicholas would commit himself to this solution. This statement is based on the words of the Japanese authority most competent to speak. When asked if it was correct, as reported, that the Emperor had said their last word and that all hope was over, he replied: "No, we have not declared that our proposition of Wednesday was our irrevocable minimum. We are not assuming a threatening attitude. That is not the way to make peace."

But the plenipotentiaries themselves no longer control on either side. The negotiations have passed from their hands to their principals at Peterhof and Tokio.

KAISER UNDER SUSPICION. Most persistently the report continues to be circulated here that Emperor William has been one of the main obstacles to peace; that, while ostensibly in sympathy with the President's efforts, he is secretly endeavoring to prevent the Emperor Nicholas from yielding.

The foundation for the belief is the fact, which appears fully confirmed, that Mr. de Witte's instructions were made more imperative and intransigent upon the question of indemnity and cession of territory after the Kaiser's interview with the Russian Emperor in the Gulf of Finland. Beyond this, no evidence is offered.

It is significant that Mr. de Witte made it a point to express his disbelief in the report from St. Petersburg, which caused considerable consternation here, that Count Lamsdorff had authorized Russian agents to declare that Russia under no circumstances would pay a contribution, either direct or indirect, or make a cession of territory whatever. Mr. de Witte said he could not imagine that Count Lamsdorff could have authorized such a statement without informing him (de Witte).

PRESIDENT APPEALS TO JAPAN. Urging Both St. Petersburg and Tokio to Make Concessions. OYSTER BAY, Aug. 24.—A crisis in the peace negotiations is approaching rapidly. Whether there is to be peace between Russia and Japan or a continuance of the war will be determined within a few days.

GIRL WIFE CAPTURES A BOLD THIEF

Pursues Him With a Whip for Mile and a Half.

Holds Thug Until the Arrival of Officers of the Law.

Nervy Deed of the Sixteen-Year-Old Heiress of Rich Redlands Grower.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. REDLANDS, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Gladys Conklin, the sixteen-year-old daughter of A. Gregory, the largest orange grower in Southern California, captured, horse-whipped and disarmed a burglar this evening after having chased him a mile and a half with a buggy whip. With his hands erected in the air, he was marched back to the Conklin home on Lugonia avenue and there held until officers appeared and took him in custody. The act is branded one of the bravest on record and more especially in view of the fact that the girl, although married, is but sixteen years old, while the man, who gave his name as Harry Ward, is a burly fellow and bears every evidence of being a "hard character."

This morning Mrs. Conklin looked out just in time to see a rough-looking man walk up and take a hand bag from the seat in her carriage. In this bag a purse containing about \$15 had been left. She called to the fellow to stop, but he only picked up the money and started to run.

Going to the telephone, Mrs. Conklin notified the police headquarters, adding for them to rush as she would have the man when they got there with the patrol. Then, picking up the buggy whip, she started after the thief and ran him a mile and a half. Finally overtaking the fellow, she ordered him to throw up his hands.

Upon his refusal to comply, she lashed the whip over his back several times until he gladly consented. Then, ordering him to turn his pockets inside out, she recovered the money, compelling the thief to put up his hands and marched him back to the Conklin residence.

GEN. BALDWIN KILLS A BEAR WITH KNIFE

Slays Animal While Is Pursuing a Comrade.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 24.—Reports coming from Fort Duchesne, Uintah Reservation, Utah, are to the effect that General Frank D. Baldwin, former commander of the District of Colorado, is a bear slayer of such note as to rival President Roosevelt.

General Baldwin, his aids, Lieutenants Sayers and Chamberlain, and Judge Parker of Trinidad and Guy Turner of Oklahoma City were hunting and fishing forty miles from the fort a few days ago, when Judge Parker routed a big grizzly bear. The Judge fired twice at the animal, wounding it enough to infuriate it, but not to disable it. Bruin made a charge at the Judge. The latter fled, dropping his rifle, which he had not time to reload.

General Baldwin, seeing what had occurred, drew his hunting knife and succeeded in killing the bear after a brief but hard struggle.

OVER HUNDRED SOLDIERS ARE LOST AT SEA

Japanese Transport Is Sunk as Result of Collision.

TOKIO, Aug. 24.—The Japanese transport Kinjo was sunk in a collision with the British steamship Baralong, on August 23, in the Indian Sea. One hundred and twenty-seven invalided Japanese soldiers were drowned.

VEGETABLE JUICES ARE SURE CURE

Conquer the Deadly Germs of Consumption.

New York Physicians Announce Important Discovery.

Health Restored to Every Patient Subjected to the Treatment.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—In a circular sent to-day to all prominent physicians of New York, under seal of professional secrecy, the announcement is made by the New York Post Graduate Hospital, Manhattan, of the discovery of a vegetable fluid which has been accepted as a positive cure for consumption.

Results covering many months of exhaustive and costly experiment show complete cures in every instance. Eleven patients, who, on beginning the treatment, were sufferers from the disease, have been discharged as fit subjects for life insurance risk and others still under observation are on the high road to recovery.

The discovery is this—that a compound of raw vegetable juices is the long sought for element of diet needed to cure obstinate cases, where lesions in the lungs persisted after the ravages of the disease had been apparently checked and the general health of the body restored, as testified by increase in weight. The use of the new compound has overcome this difficulty, to the complete satisfaction of a disinterested board of doctors.

It is expected that the Post Graduate Hospital will advocate that the fluid eventually be bottled and placed "on tap" at stations throughout the city, in drug stores and at soda water fountains.

BIG PROFITS OF PECKHAM AND HOLMES

Juggling of the Cotton Reports Nets \$1,500,000.

SARATOGA, Aug. 24.—Frederick A. Peckham, jointly indicted with Edward S. Holmes Jr. and Moses Haas on the charge of conspiring to defraud the United States in connection with the cotton crop report, was released this afternoon on \$25,000 bond, supplied by two local bankers.

Mark Alter, counsel for Peckham and the others, announced that he would surrender Haas to the Federal authorities in New York to-morrow.

Peckham, who did not appear at all distressed over his arrest, shook hands with all the officials concerned, and after expressing the hope that he would have the pleasure of meeting them again, went to the races.

Secret agents declare Peckham and his associates must have cleared \$1,500,000 on deals based on the leakage of cotton reports and advance information with regard to the wheat crop.

The two indictments against Peckham, Haas and Holmes recite many transactions, in which copies of checks are given. In some cases the alleged profits which fell to the share of Haas and Holmes were \$10,000 to \$14,000 on each transaction. The checks were largely passed through banks in Hoboken and New York.

LORD ROBERTS SOON TO VISIT AMERICA

BOSTON, Aug. 24.—Field Marshal Earl Roberts, commander of the British army, will sail for America in a few days for an extended tour of the United States and Canada. In Canada he will investigate the condition of the military forces, formations and army organization, and in the United States he will visit the famous battlefields, besides calling upon some of the leading army officers. His visit will take him as far as the Pacific Coast and he may extend it to the China possession of Great Britain.

BOY HERO SAVES TWO CHILDREN FROM DEATH IN THE FLAMES

Thirteen-year-old Benjamin Tolbert saved two little girls from death by fire last night at a disastrous \$50,000 conflagration at Laguna and Geary streets. Nine flats and a large apartment-house were damaged. Thieves looted the burning houses of valuables and jewelry. A Japanese servant saved the life of a child.

Thirteen-Year-Old Benjamin Tolbert and a Japanese Servant Perform Brave Deeds at Fire Which Partly Destroys Nine Flats and an Apartment-House.



Two Children Who Were Saved From Death in the Flames Last Night, and Their Brave Rescuer

A thirteen-year-old boy played the part of a hero in a disastrous fire which partly destroyed nine flats and a well apartment house on the northeast corner of Geary and Laguna streets last night.

Little Ben Tolbert, a boy scarcely in his teens, tore into the burning apartment where slept two little girls, Alice and Hazel Batchelor, 6 and 10 years of age, dragged the terrified children from their fire-saturated beds into the hall and to safety.

Young Tolbert ran down the stairs from the second story when the blaze was discovered. He had heard the cries of the children. Unmindful of his own safety, Tolbert broke into the burning room and wading through flames and smoke half dragged, half carried the little ones to safety.

The fire, which will entail a loss of over \$50,000, started shortly after 8 o'clock. It gained considerable headway before its discovery. Simultaneously, several people in surrounding flats saw a burst of flame shoot heavenward and ran for fire alarm boxes. The neglect of the telephone company's employes was severely criticized by several of the inmates of the burning houses, who vainly tried to get connection with the Fire Department.

At the time the first alarm was rung in the fire had gained such headway that six flats and the St. Hilaire apartment house were in flames. Nearly two hundred people inhabited the burning buildings and a mad rush followed the cry of fire. Many were in bed, even though the hour was early. Women fled into the streets in their night clothes carrying babies and small children in all habits of attire.

Panic reigned and in the midst of the excitement thieves plied their nefarious vocation. Several losses of money and jewelry were reported.

DEPARTMENT WORKS NOBLY. The Fire Department, under the direction of First Assistant Chief Dougherty, did noble work and to it is due the credit of a great saving of property and lives. The department responded quickly. Three alarms were rung in and the work was begun in a systematic manner. For half an hour it appeared as if the entire block would be destroyed. Sparks flew through the air like snow and the Jew-

ish synagogue, Beth Israel, on Geary street, half a block from the conflagration, caught fire on the roof. Chief Dougherty sent an engine company to the church and the blaze, which had gained considerably headway, was quickly subdued. The roof of the house of Mrs. Anna B. Ames at 1311 Octavia street also took fire, but was saved from destruction by the prompt work of the department.

Fire Marshal Towe says the flames originated from ash barrels in the rear of flats 1515, 1517 and 1519 Laguna and flats 1514, 1515 and 1518 Geary street. Hot ashes, dumped into barrels containing paper, is the Marshal's theory of the origin of the conflagration. Mrs. E. Smith of 1518 Geary street was one of those to discover the fire. She ran to the fire alarm box at the corner of Geary and Buchanan streets and turned in the firm alarm. J. Marshall Jr., a painter, of 655 Harrison street, was passing and saw the burst of flames. He telephoned to the Fire Department, but on account of the slowness of the telephone girls his services went for naught.

The St. Hilaire apartment house was burned half way. One hundred and twenty people room in the house, but many of them were out at the time. Two mothers left their children in bed. The Batchelor children were bravely rescued by little Ben Tolbert, who modestly told his heroic act. The 5-year-old daughter of Mrs. E. E. Smithson in apartment 21 was rescued from apparent death by Nogi Kasahi, a Japanese servant in the hotel. The Japanese heard the child's screams, broke in the door and carried the baby to the street. Surrounding neighbors threw open their doors to the homeless people and half-naked women and children were hospitably clothed and cared for.

THIEVES LOOT HOUSES. Thieves looted the deserted homes of terror-stricken families. Women and men returned to find their jewels and money gone. Much was probably lost on the excitement, but other losses gave evidence of the work of robbers. Mrs. M. L. Frankenberg of 1514 Geary street lost diamonds and money to the value of \$250. The flat of B. Anixter at 1516 Geary street was looted by thieves of money and jewels valued at \$500. M. Rosendorf,

a cigar merchant living at 1555 Laguna street, lost a diamond pin valued at \$175. Many minor losses of property were reported, but the police tried to hush the affair.

The entire loss to buildings and furnishings is estimated in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The losers are as follows: St. Hilaire, 1323 Laguna street, loss to building \$10,000, Flesher estate, insured; furnishings owned by Mrs. M. J. Johnson, \$5000, insured; Mrs. M. Martin, 1515 Geary street, loss to furnishings \$2500, insured; L. Frankenberg, 1514 Geary street, loss to furnishings \$500, partly insured; B. Anixter and J. McDowell, 1512 Geary street, loss to furnishings \$4500, partly insured; M. Rosendorf, 1555, Dave Brown, 1503, and Mrs. J. S. Wells, 1507 Laguna street, lost together \$7000 by damage from water and fire, partly insured; J. Stone, 1509 Laguna street, loss by fire and water \$7500, partly insured; L. Bettman, 1504 Laguna street, loss by water \$850, insured; J. S. Wells, 1513 Laguna street, loss \$2000, partly insured; J. B. Duggan, 1515 Laguna street, loss \$3000, partly insured; James E. Graves, 1511 Laguna street, loss \$2000, insured; E. Goldsby, 1511 Laguna street, loss \$1500, insured; J. Bernhard, St. Hilaire apartment, loss \$1500, insured. Several other roomers in St. Hilaire incurred big losses.

The St. Hilaire is owned by the Felscher estate. The damage to the building is approximately \$10,000, insured. The six flats on Laguna street are owned by Charles Brown, the hardware man of 807 Market street. The loss to these buildings will be about \$15,000, fully insured. The flats on Geary street are owned by Mrs. M. Martin, loss \$3000, fully insured. The damage to the Synagogue Beth Israel will be \$500, insured.

To Act on Bennington Report. WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Speaking of the consideration that has been given the Bennington report, Secretary Bonaparte said to-day that it seemed to be more important as the testimony in the case was reviewed. No action has been taken as yet upon the recommendation of the court of inquiry that Ensign Wade be court-martialed. This subject will be included in the report which the Secretary will make to the President.

FAIR DAMSEL BUNKO ARTIST

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24.—When Miss Frances Hale made her sensational climb up the side of the steamer Roanoke in San Francisco Bay after the vessel had left the dock and started for the Golden Gate, she was trying to escape from a Pinkerton detective who had followed her from Los Angeles at the behest of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association of this city. She was arrested to-night in Portland and with her arrest was released the fact that she was indicted by the Grand Jury Tuesday and a bench warrant was out for her arrest. The detective had been employed to shadow her pending the indictment, which the association knew would be returned.

The woman appeared here several weeks ago and began soliciting donations for the Los Angeles Door of Hope, a charitable concern. She planned to give a benefit for the institution and sold hundreds of tickets, agreeing to give the organization half the receipts and \$100 bonus. The so-called benefit was a success, but the woman failed to turn over a cent, although it is known she collected several thousand dollars.

The Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association got after her and presented the matter to the Grand Jury, which promptly returned an indictment, but before that the woman had left the city, followed by the detective. President Has Kaiser's Support. BERLIN, Aug. 24.—Emperor William has expressed to the members of his entourage cordial recognition of President Roosevelt's efforts for peace and his hope that they will prove successful.