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Fair to-day; rain to-morrow, with northeast winds increasing in force.

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NELLIE BLY'S NIECE WEDS.

EIGHT WEEKS BEFORE THE AUNT FOUND IT OUT.

Then She Made a Midnight Visit to a Jane Street Parsonage and Inspected the Records There—Editor Latson Took His Wife Home in Haste Last Friday.

LATSON—KOUNTZE.—By the Rev. C. W. McPherson, Beatrice Cochrane Kountze to William R. C. Latson, both of New York city.

This marriage notice, printed yesterday, was the first public announcement of a marriage which was performed on July 21, and which on Friday night last caused Mrs. Robert Seaman, whom many still remember as "Nellie Bly," to go to the minister's house at midnight. Young Mrs. Latson is Mrs. Seaman's niece and ward and Mrs. Seaman wasn't let into the secret of the marriage.

Miss Kountze, now Mrs. Latson, is the daughter of Elmer and Katharine M. Cochrane Kountze. Her parents are dead and she has been living with her grandmother, Mrs. Cochrane, and with the Seamans, at Mr. Seaman's home, 15 West Thirty-seventh street.

Dr. William R. C. Latson is a physical culture enthusiast, and is the editor of a health culture magazine. He has a flat at 118 Waverley place. He says he met Miss Kountze at Mr. Seaman's house.

The Rev. C. W. McPherson is the pastor of the Jane Street Methodist Episcopal Church and the first time he ever saw Latson was on July 20, when Latson went to the parsonage and made arrangements for the ceremony. The next day Mr. McPherson married the pair. The young woman said she was 19 years old. Latson said he was 32.

The minister didn't think any more about it until last Friday at midnight, when a carriage rattled up to the parsonage. Somebody banged on the door and the minister, putting his head out of the window, saw a woman and three men, apparently very much excited. The minister put on some clothes, went down and opened the door.

"Friends, what can I do for you?" he asked.

"You'll probably tell me," said the woman, whose description tallies with Mrs. Seaman's, "of something that will be a blow to me. Did you marry a Miss Kountze and a Mr. Latson?"

The minister thought he had married such a couple and took the four into the house to see his records. As soon as he showed them the record of the marriage the woman became hysterical. One of the men, leaning over the minister's shoulder, saw Latson's age entered in the book as 32.

"Humph," grunted the man. "Fifty-two is more like it."

The four departed in a hurry. They didn't even tell their names.

"After we were married," Dr. Latson said last night, "Mrs. Latson went back to live with Mrs. Seaman, her guardian, and told her nothing about the marriage, but Mrs. Seaman became suspicious and went down with her to stay at Arverne.

"I went down there and learned by chance that a plan was being concocted to spirit my wife away. I went down there on Friday. Mrs. Seaman was away, but Mrs. Cochrane, her mother, was there. I told Mrs. Cochrane that we were married. Then I took my wife and came to the city. We stopped at the Westminster and then came to my flat. I simply took my wife. That's all. I outgeneralled Mrs. Seaman.

"TREASURE" CAPTAIN ARRESTED.

He Refused to Sail Ship to Mysterious South Sea Island.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 13.—Members of the treasure hunting expedition that sailed for the South Seas last July returned yesterday with its leader, Capt. James Brown of Boston, under arrest.

One of the principal men who put up money to fit out the schooner Herman for the trip was G. W. Sutton of New Rochelle, N. Y.

He and others charge that they were swindled by Capt. Brown, who alleged that he knew the location of a great pirate treasure of $50,000,000 removed from Cocos Island in 1830 to a mysterious island in the South Seas, which he refused to divulge.

All had constant quarrels with Brown, who showed no executive ability. Finally, when Sydney was reached, Brown wanted to sell the schooner and winter there, as he said it was too stormy to reach the island.

The American Consul was appealed to and he removed Brown. But others gave Brown another show and the schooner sailed for Papeete. Brown refused to take the party to the mysterious island unless he was put in full charge, so all took a steamer at Papeete and returned.

Brown was kept a prisoner on the voyage over, but was released here. He will probably be arrested to-morrow for beating a Japanese steward.

Brown alleges that Sutton and the others did not treat him right and that was why he refused to sail the schooner to the treasure island.

At Mr. Sutton's home in New Rochelle it was said last night that a telegram had been received stating that he had arrived with the treasure party at San Francisco. Mr. Sutton's family were unwilling to discuss the matter and would say nothing other than that Mr. Sutton had been away for a year on a trip in which business and pleasure were combined.

FUNERAL OF MRS. RUSSELL.

Identity of the Dead Victim of Morphine Poisoning Now Known.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in a Sixth avenue undertaker's shop over the body of Mrs. Jeannette Blanche Russell, who as Mrs. Blanche King was removed from W. H. Ridderbusch's boarding house at 63 West Thirty-sixth street, on Wednesday last suffering from morphine poisoning.

Besides the clergyman the only persons present were Dr. Duryea of Baltimore, Md., the father of the young woman, and one other relative. No one would say whether the body would be taken South for burial or be interred in New York. It was still at the undertaker's last night.

Mrs. Russell, who it is said, was socially prominent in Baltimore and Philadelphia, was married four years ago to Wilfred Russell, a resident of the latter city. He lost most of his fortune soon after the marriage and went to Detroit where it is supposed he died a few weeks later. His family made the widow an allowance and she has divided her time between Philadelphia and this city.

Mrs. Alice Potter, wife of Julian Potter, a nephew of Bishop Potter, who was taken from Ridderbusch's on Friday suffering from an overdose of morphine, was greatly improved yesterday. Her husband visited her at Bellevue Hospital in the morning and the doctors there say she will be able to leave the institution in a day or two.

Coroner Scholer said yesterday that he was satisfied there was nothing in either case to warrant further investigation. "I am convinced that there is nothing more than a coincidence in the fact that both lived in the one house and became ill at the same time," he said.

BULGARIA MAY INTERVENE.

More Talk of Coming to Aid of the Macedonians.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—The assertion made recently that Bulgaria had determined that she would no longer withhold help from the Macedonians is reiterated with circumstantial detail this morning in the despatches from the disturbed section.

It is true that Premier Petroff and other Ministers deny that Bulgaria has any intention of mobilizing her army or of departing from her attitude of loyalty to the suzerainty of Turkey, but the English correspondents at Sofia profess to know better.

The correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, telegraphing under yesterday's date, says the Government of Prince Ferdinand has considered the matter from every point of view.

It is well aware of the disastrous consequences with which the Powers will threaten Bulgaria if she intervenes. But even if these consequences were immeasurably more disastrous, there would be no hesitation, for it had become a matter of sacred duty.

The Government cannot and will not any further play the part of a callous onlooker while a whole population is being done to death.

Writing from Sofia on Sept. 9 the correspondent of the *Daily Mail* gives reasons to support the probability that Servia will ally itself with Bulgaria as against the Turks, neither expecting any territorial concessions as a result thereof, but both wishing to liberate the Macedonians.

Two or three independent reports to-ayd pay tribute to the excellent conduct of the Turkish regulars. The Constantinople correspondent of the *Standard*, who confirms these statements, tells at the same time of the disgraceful conduct of two Albanian regiments in the vilayet of Adrianople.

He describes them as being quite out of hand, pillaging and burning, but does not accuse them of any other acts of violence.

The special correspondent of the *Daily Post* concurs in this and adds that, owing to the protest made against the Albanian troops by the French Consul at Kirk-Kilisse, the Turkish Government has issued orders that no more Albanian troops be sent there.

CUBAN COMMISSIONERS SAIL.

To Come Here to See About Floating a Loan of $35,000,000.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Sept. 13.—The loan commission appointed to visit the United States and Europe and investigate the question of placing the Cuban loan of $35,000,000 for the payment of men who served in the last war with Spain, sailed on Saturday on the steamship Morro Castle for New York.

The commissioners who sailed were Gen. Menocal, Manager Chaparra of the sugar estate Santiago de España, and Mendez Capote, assistant collector of customs at Havana, who is also a Senator. The latter will be replaced by Senator Dolz if the commission decides that it is necessary to go to Europe, as Dolz is in London just now.

The Cuban Ministers to the United States, England and France will also take part when the commission arrives in these countries. The commission has no power to place a loan, but is going to try to attract attention to the fact that Cuba wants to borrow money on the most advantageous terms.

The instructions issued to the commission have not been made public, but it is understood that after their arrival in New York the commissioners will decide as to whether they shall proceed to Europe.

The feeling in regard to the success of the republic in placing the loan is not hopeful, although there is considerable talk of financial offers from Europe. No arrangements for raising the taxes that will be necessary to repay any such loan have as yet been made, and no decision has been made as to when they will be collected.

SHIP COMBINE QUIT NEW YORK?

Report That Mr. Ismay Will Take Over the Whole Management.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—The latest news in regard to the alleged new steamship combination is contained in a despatch from Liverpool to the *Daily Mail*, which unofficially confirms the report that consolidation of the International Mercantile Marine companies under a central mangement is impending.

The correspondent says the change is understood to indicate the transference of the whole management to Mr. Bruce Ismay and consequently from New York to Liverpool. He adds that all the combined lines will fly the flag of the White Star Company.

NASHVILLE'S SAILORS IN ROW.

They Beat a Judge Before Whom They Were Arraigned in Cuba.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Sept. 13.—The *Discusion* prints a story to the effect that some sailors from an American gunboat, at Bahia Honda, have been in some sort of trouble. They went ashore and got into a row. The captain sent a sergeant to bring them aboard.

The men resisted, and when the local Judge advised the sailors to return to their ship, they beat him.

Nothing is known officially at the American legation in regard to the matter, but an American who has just returned from Bahia Honda says the story is true. The gunboat, he says, was the Nashville.

BEHEADED 220 BULGARIANS.

Albanian Troops Said to Have Devastated Two More Villages.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Sept. 13.—A despatch from Constantinople says the Albanian troops have devastated the villages of Almadzik and Erekler, twenty kilometres north of Kirk-Kilisse, beheading 220 Bulgarians in the presence of their families. The story needs confirmation.

Alleged Murderer of American Arrested.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Sept. 13.—The alleged murderer of James Quinn, an American employed on one of the Havana newspapers as a compositor, has been arrested. He is a former Spanish soldier.

Fred S. Gibbs's Condition Improves.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Sept. 13.—The condition of ex-Senator Fred S. Gibbs was improved to-day. He passed a good night, and through the day was brighter and stronger. His condition is the source of considerable encouragement to his family, though the gravity of his case is fully recognized.

The Hudson River Day Line excursion to Poughkeepsie gives 150 miles of most delightful sailing. —Ade

CASTRO TO INVADE COLOMBIA.

9,000 MEN SENT TO LOS ANDES, ON BOUNDARY LINE.

Arms and Ammunition Sent From La Guayra—Attacks Being Made on Judges and Umpires of Arbitration Tribunals—Foreign Claimants Fearful.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

CURACOA, D. W. I., Sept. 13.—The foreign Consuls at Caracas, Venezuela, report that President Castro is making preparations for a new invasion of Colombia. Nine thousand men have been sent to Los Andes, on the boundary of Colombia and Venezuela. Arms and ammunition have been sent every day for a week from La Guayra. Their destination is unknown.

The judges and umpires of the mixed arbitration tribunals in the matter of claims against Venezuela have been subjected to further attacks by the Venezuelan newspapers.

M. Filtz, the umpire for the Belgian claims, who rendered a decision against Venezuela for 11,000,000 francs in the matter of the claims of the company which has the concession for supplying gas and water to the city of Caracas, has been the particular object of President Castro's wrath.

The President has avenged himself by ordering the publication of vile attacks on M. Filtz, who is treated like a highway robber. M. Filtz, whose reputation is above suspicion, was formerly president of the Conseil des Indies in Java.

Foreign claimants are afraid to present their claims, as a list of all persons so doing is published daily in every paper in the republic and posted everywhere, and they believe the situation is becoming critical.

Castro has been mixed up in four invasions of Colombian territory since he ousted Gen. Ignacio Andrade from the Presidency of Venezuela about five years ago.

Relations between the two countries were peaceful until 1900, when Castro became dictator. He was bound by former ties to the Colombian revolutionary party and encouraged invasions of that country by permitting the revolutionists to make their preparations on Venezuelan soil. It is also said that he provided money, arms and ammunition.

The first of the invasions left Maracaibo in January, 1900; the second left San Antonio del Tachira in December of that year; the third left Tachira in February of 1901, and the fourth operated under Gen. Uribe-Uribe in July of 1901. Gen. Uribe-Uribe was completely routed by Colombian troops and fell back into Venezuelan territory.

An invasion of Venezuela by Venezuelan revolutionists under the lead of Dr. Rangel Garbiral followed. The revolutionists attacked San Cristobal, but were repulsed with a loss of 350 men and were compelled to recross the Colombian frontier.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Eduardo Blanco of Venezuela issued a note to representatives of the Powers on Aug. 16, explaining the cause of the trouble and protesting against the invasion of Venezuelan territory. He alleged that his country was being attacked by the conservative Government of Colombia. President Castro also made announcement of the invasion and ordered out 10,000 troops to repulse the invaders.

HISSES FOR FRENCH MINISTER

At the Unveiling of a Statue to Renan in Treguier.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

TREGUIER, France, Sept. 13.—As was expected, the unveiling of the statue to Ernest Renan, the noted writer, in this, his native town, led to some rioting because of the feeling between the followers of Prime Minister Combes and the Roman Catholics. The disturbances, however, were not serious.

M. Combes and his party left Pontrieux, where they had spent the night, for this place this morning in six carriages, escorted by four squadrons of dragoons and mounted gendarmes.

The people who gathered along the route were mostly those curious to see the Prime Minister and his party pass.

The crowds were not demonstrative, but some few hisses were heard, chiefly from women, and some cries of "A bas Combes!" and "Vive la liberté!"

M. Combes, on arriving here, received a welcome which, on the whole, was favorable. In the course of his speech in reply to the Mayor's address of welcome the premier said: "I have heard a few hisses. Let me compare these to the flute played behind the chariots of the conquerors of ancient times to remind them that having been raised by the people they must be governed by the people."

The ceremony of the unveiling of the statue was carried out during a downpour of rain. While the addresses were being delivered there were some hissing and blowing of whistles and anti-Combes cries which the efforts of the police failed to quiet. Thereupon a company of soldiers were drawn up in line and pressed the disturbers back.

Subsequently, while M. Combes was visiting the old home of M. Renan there was a violent disturbance between rival parties of Catholics and Republicans.

The soldiers charged the rioters and dispersed them by the use of the butts of their rifles. The Baron and Baroness de Kerpoison were arrested. The baroness had a loaded revolver in her pocket.

In his speech at the banquet to-night M. Combes defended the action taken by the Government against the religious congregations, declaring that the Cabinet had merely enforced laws that had been passed by the French Parliament.

He expressed the belief that Brittany would soon throw off the yoke of squires and priests and would adopt the republican principles of liberty of a Government that was not hostile to religion.

Religion, he said, was entitled to liberty, but it must not leave its own sphere, which was spiritual, or interfere with the civil or political sphere. The Government was determined to enforce respect for the law.

Speaking of national affairs, M. Combes declared the French Government was flourishing, at home and abroad. The alliance with Russia was becoming more confident and more intimate.

The friendship with Italy was becoming stronger, while with Great Britain their only rivalry was in good methods of friendly demonstrations. On all the frontiers of France, he said, he saw only smiling faces. There was peace on the horizon and the Republic would try to maintain it.

PARTY SLAP AT GOV. HUNT.

Federalists of Porto Rico Will Not Attend Reception in His Honor.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 13.—The Federal party has decided to take no part in the reception which the citizens propose to give in honor of Gov. Hunt when he returns here on Oct. 1. The Federal party will adopt a resolution against participating in the affair. The sole motive of their objection is political

JEROME IN TOWN AGAIN.

Got a Message From New York That He Wouldn't Talk About.

District Attorney Jerome returned from Lakeville again last night. His decision to return was reached after a message which he received from New York early in the afternoon and which seemed to throw him and the friends who have been staying with him into considerable agitation.

There was a long consultation in the sitting room of his home, after which Mr. Jerome went down to his shop and considered the intricacies of his clock for awhile.

John Henneberry, his chief clerk, called the reporters in about 5 o'clock and informed them that Mr. Jerome was going to make a statement, whereupon Mr. Jerome said

"I am going to New York on the 7:14 train and I shall go at once to my house at 8 Rutgers street. My trip is in consequence of a message I have received to-day. I have nothing more to say than that."

John Henneberry supplemented this announcement by the assurance that the message did not come from Mayor Low, or from any one who could even remotely be said to represent him. The whole party then made preparations and started for New York.

On their arrival here they went to the Café Boulevard at Second avenue and St. Marks place. Reporters were warned that they wouldn't learn anything by tagging. They didn't.

Mr. Jerome expressed his intention of returning to Lakeville to-morrow afternoon, after conferring with the men he has come down to visit.

FRANK PAVEY CAUSES ARREST.

Man Who Insulted Women in a Car Locked Up on His Complaint.

Ex-State Senator Frank D. Pavey caused the arrest last night of a man who insulted many women in a Sixth avenue surface car. Mr. Pavey was a passenger on the car, and when he remonstrated with the man he was roundly abused.

The man got on a southbound car at Forty-second street. He had been drinking, and the minute he dropped into a seat he began to nudge the woman who sat near him. She got up and left.

The seat this woman vacated was taken by another woman, who received the same treatment. And every other woman near the man was subjected to his leers. Every time he got a chance he would nudge a woman and then say:

"Have I insulted you?"

Mr. Pavey and several others told the man to stop or leave the car. He called them so many vile names that many of the passengers left.

The first policeman seen was at Thirty-fourth street, and when the car reached that point Mr. Pavey had the man arrested. The ex-Senator went to the Tenderloin station to make his complaint. The prisoner said he was James Ducey, 26 years old, a painter, of 241 West 108th street.

GETS LIFE INSURANCE FREE.

Centenarian Booth Is the Oldest Policyholder in the Country.

Charles Henry Booth celebrated his 100th birthday at his home in Englewood, N. J., yesterday. Always a strict Sabbatarian, he expressed a desire that none of his relatives should get up any demonstration in honor of the occasion yesterday. He will receive any of his friends who wish to visit him to-day.

He is in comparatively good health and spends much of his time out of doors and, as a pastime, rakes up the cut grass and fallen leaves about the yard. He was born in Stratford, Conn., Sept. 13, 1803, came to this city when a boy and got a job in a dry goods store. He finally became a member of the firm of Booth & Tuttle in Cedar street. He retired from business thirty years ago.

Mr. Booth says he has never used tobacco or alcoholic stimulants. In early life he was a Whig and joined the Republicans when that party was formed. He was an abolitionist before the civil war and belonged to the Rev. Dr. Cox's church, in which slavery and strong drink were held to be the greatest evils that menaced the country's welfare. It was said yesterday that he had not had a single day's sickness in seventy-five years.

Mr. Booth is the oldest person holding a life insurance policy in the United States and probably in the world, and the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York will present to him to-day a handsomely engrossed parchment testimonial. He holds policy No. 22, which was issued on Feb. 7, 1843, a week after the company started in business.

William F. Shepard, who is 92 years old and also lives in Englewood, took out policy No. 7 in the same company on the same day a few hours ahead of Mr. Booth, and has the oldest policy in the country.

Mr. Booth took out an old-time policy for $2,000. At his death his relatives will get $5,700. All of his premiums have been returned to him since he was 96 years old.

KILLED BY A TRAIN IN CONEY.

Unidentified Man Run Down—Ambulance Driver Hurt in Answering the Call.

Another man was run down and killed by a Brighton Beach train at Coney Island last night. The victim was a man about 35 years old, who had a dark complexion and a black mustache. He was well dressed, but not expensively.

The man jumped off a trolley car as it was going out of the Culver depot yards, in front of an incoming Coney Island train. The first car went over him and he was carried along several feet by the front truck of the second.

Dr. Hall and Driver George Haskell started to the place on an ambulance from the Emergency Hospital. As it was going over the unlighted railroad tracks, the ambulance ran against a big pile of cinders and Haskell was thrown to the ground.

His right arm and leg were badly cut. He was taken back to the hospital as a patient, the doctor acting as driver.

Before the ambulance went back, however, Dr. Hall made a determined effort to save the life of the man under the car. He was alive when Dr. Hall reached him and, although the doctor couldn't extricate him from his position, he crawled in under the car and administered a hypodermic injection to ease the man's pain. The man died soon after the car was jacked up and he was removed.

Swift Justice in a Louisiana Parish.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 13.—Alexander Williams and Joseph Michel, negroes, were arrested in St. Bernard Parish two weeks ago for criminal assault on Mamie Morris and Lillie Marks, two negresses. They were indicted on Monday, tried yesterday, convicted without capital punishment and sent to the penitentiary for life.

Only 3 Ways to See New York.

EDUCATIONAL Sightseeing Yacht, Coaches, Automobiles. 1,000 points of interest explained by expert lecturer. Yacht foot of West 22d st., N. R. Coaches and automobiles start from 5th ave. side Flatiron Bldg., 5th ave. and 23d st. Telephone call 4076—18th st.—Ade.

BALLOONING IN FIERCE GALE.

AERONAUTS CAUGHT IN STORM THAT SWEPT CONTINENT.

Blown Over Holland, Belgium and France at a Height of Two Miles and at a Rate of 120 Miles an Hour—Left Berlin, Landed at Calais 18 Hours Later

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Sept. 13.—One of the most perilous balloon journeys ever made began at Berlin on Thursday afternoon and ended after a number of exciting incidents at Calais on Friday morning.

Capt. Goossens, a well-known Belgian aëronaut, and an unnamed German nobleman ascended from Berlin at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in a balloon of 1,150 metres capacity. They were immediately caught by a strong current which carried them in a few hours over Holland.

They were nearing The Hague when they entered a different current and were driven south across Belgium and the north of France. They crossed Paris at a height of 12,000 feet.

Eventually they got as far south as La Rochelle, where they were at an altitude of 14,000 feet. Here they tried to descend, but before they succeeded a fresh current seized the balloon and whirled them again toward Paris.

Next they were blown toward the Channel. The island of Jersey was soon visible and the adventure seemed destined to end at sea. Another change in the wind, however, brought them again over land. The valve was opened and the balloon fell rapidly The anchor was thrown out, but there was a wild course over fields and woods before it caught.

When it did catch, some peasants ran to help the aëronauts, but the squall started up again, while three peasants were clinging to the car.

Eventually all landed safely. Capt. Goossens sprained his ankle and dislocated his shoulder, while the unnamed German fractured an arm.

The occupants of the car had hardly succeeded in getting out when the anchor rope broke and the balloon went up in the air again. When last seen it was tearing over the North Sea. A passerby picked up the aëronauts and conveyed them to Calais, which was not far distant.

The explanation of the remarkable vagaries of the course of the balloon is that it was caught in the cyclonic gale which caused such damage in Great Britain and on the Continent last Thursday.

During the whole of the terrible night the balloon was driven helplessly in all directions at amazing speed, which is estimated to have been as high as 120 miles an hour at times, and its occupants were completely at the mercy of the wind.

About two weeks ago Capt. Goossens left London in the same balloon, which then came down at sea. The captain and his airship were saved by fishermen.

HURRICANE HITS FLORIDA.

Wide Swath in the Lower Part—Ships Wrecked and Lives Lost.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 13.—The hurricane hit the lower part of the State, according to reports here to-night, pretty heavily. Much damage has been done and several lives have been lost. The storm centre seemed to move across the narrow part of the peninsula from Miami to Tampa.

No telegrams are in yet from many of the southern places. It is learned from passengers arriving here from the south that on the east coast many vessels have been wrecked, coastwise and others. Above Miami it is reported that seven or eight vessels are ashore and likely to be wrecks. Five bodies have been washed ashore near Miami. At the latter place the streets were washed badly, houses were blown over and other damage was done. Other places along the coast probably suffered severely. At Tampa great damage was done, according to reports received to-night. Telephone and electric light poles were thrown down, buildings were destroyed, the streets washed and one report said that several lives were lost.

Telegraph officials here are making strenuous efforts to open communication, but it is hard work, as their wires are down for many miles, with fallen trees and other débris on them. It is feared that many wrecks have occurred and that the loss of life may be great. All the news comes from railroad sources.

It is thought that the hurricane passed directly through the orange section and that much damage may have been done to the fruit trees.

KEEPS THE WEATHER BUREAU GUESSING.

The Weather Bureau wires were down last night, but a bulletin sent out yesterday afternoon said the storm was apparently central in the west Gulf and moving north or northwest and might possibly recurve in the Gulf, roaring up in this direction and causing high winds this morning on the South Atlantic coast. The storm from the northwest has passed over the Lake regions into Canada. The probable course of the southern cyclone should be known before to-night.

EXPLOSION ON THE OLYMPIA.

Barrel of Alcohol Catches Fire and Two Deaths Result.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 13.—Apprentice Seifert, the second victim of the explosion of a barrel of alcohol aboard the flagship Olympia while in the dry dock at the Norfolk Navy Yard, died late this afternoon at the Naval Hospital and the remains will be interred to-morrow with military honors.

Master-at-Arms Coster and Apprentice Spavey of the Olympia, who were seriously injured, will recover.

A full examination of the damage done the Olympia to-day revealed the fact that only the awnings and woodwork were burned by the fire which followed the explosion.

Lieutenant-Commander Vandosen, executive officer of the Olympia, in an official statement given out to-day, said that the officers of the Olympia discovered that alcohol was being smuggled aboard the ship and a search was instituted.

A five-gallon cask of alcohol was found hid in the forward turret. A search was then instituted in the dock in which the ship was being repaired and a barrel containing fifty-six gallons of alcohol was found.

While this barrel was being emptied into a tank on the port side forward an explosion occurred, instantly killing Corporal of Marines J. S. Yerkes and wounding Seifert, who died to-day.

The damage to the Olympia is not serious.

Barnett's Vanilla Extract

Used and highly indorsed by all leading hotels. —Ade.

THE MARYLAND STILL FAST.

Effort of the Tugs to Free the Partly Launched Cruiser Results in Failure.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Sept. 13.—The armored cruiser Maryland is still stuck at the bottom of the ways from which she was launched here yesterday. All efforts made to-day to float her proved unsuccessful. This morning the ship's stern was noticed to rise with the tide and later in the day when the tide fell, the stern fell with it. Several tugs were pulling at the cruiser all day, but were not able to move her.

About seventy feet of the ship remains on the ways and she is resting with comparatively little strain upon her. One of the plans now being entertained to float the Maryland is to steam up the battleship Missouri, now being completed here, and to have her try to tow the Maryland off. It is thought that the Missouri's heavy tonnage would do the work

A mistake was made by the shipbuilders in allowing the Maryland to become so far advanced before launching her. She has sixteen boilers aboard, besides other equipment. The idea that the ship's stern is touching the bottom is absurd. There are at least twenty-five feet of water under it now. Another effort will be made to drag the Maryland off at high tide early in the morning.

BUCKNER OUT FOR BELKNAP.

Former Democratic Governor of Kentucky Supports the Republican Ticket.

MUMFORDVILLE, Ky., Sept. 13.—Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, former Governor of Kentucky and vice-presidential candidate of the Gold Democrats in 1896, scored the silver wing of the Democratic party at the opening of the Republican State convention here yesterday. He announced his desire to stump the State in the interest of Col. Morris B. Belknap, Republican candidate for Governor.

Gen. Buckner said he was a "former Democrat," whose confession of political faith may be found in the Democratic platform promulgated at Indianapolis in 1896.

"It is because I am such a Democrat that I am here to-day," he said, "at the opening of a political contest which is of vital interest to every citizen of the commonwealth."

He denounced Gov. Beckham for his pardon record and for his method of prosecuting the murderers of Senator Goebel.

Former Gov. Bradley has refused to participate in the campaign.

DOG DISTURBS MORNING MASS.

Hid in the Pulpit Sounding Board and Made the Church Resound With Its Yelps.

SYRACUSE, Sept. 13.—A mongrel cur ran into St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church this morning and called a halt in the services. It dodged past the ushers at the door, made its way up the aisle and hid in the sounding board of the pulpit, making the church resound with yelps. The Rev. Dr. John Grimes was celebrating mass. The big organ was stopped and pastor, choristers and ushers joined in chasing the cur. Men and women screamed, thinking that the dog was mad. Both audience and dog were scared.

Dr. P. J. Gibbons grabbed a rug and with this in his hand he threw himself on the dog amid the plaudits of the congregation. The dog was then arrested and taken to the police station, where by the tag its owner was found and sent for. Mass was then resumed.

MRS. KEALY STILL DEFIANT.

Outwits Authorities Trying to Drive Her From the Naval Academy Grounds.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sept. 13.—Mrs. Kate C. Kealy circumvented to-day the plan of the naval authorities to secure peaceable possession of the house that she now occupies in the new grounds of the Naval Academy. Up to to-day she has gone regularly to the half-past 10 o'clock services at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The method of procedure when Mrs. Kealy went out of the grounds was to refuse ingress to her at the gates of the Academy.

Mrs. Kealy did not go out to church. The Government does not desire to lay violent hands on a woman, yet physical action against her will now probably be taken. For five days her water supply has been cut off and it seems she is ready to perish to maintain her rights as she conceives them to be. Her stand is to remain in possession until the Government pays her the cash for the house.

"BOSS" DAVIS SAVES LIVES.

The Politician Rouses Tenants in Burning Building and Helps Two Out.

While standing at Grove and Montgomery streets, Jersey City, early this morning, Robert Davis, the Democratic boss of Hudson county, saw smoke coming from a second-story window of a four-story tenement house at 189 Montgomery street. He entered the building and piloted two scared women up through the skylight to the roof.

Mrs. Michael Connell, who weighs over 200 pounds, was carried one story down a ladder by a fireman. George Schaefer, who lived on the top floor, was also taken down a ladder. The fire was quickly extinguished. The house was occupied by eight families.

DYNAMITE IN A CAR EXPLODES.

Two Men Killed, 400 Houses Damaged and Cars Wrecked in Bay City, Mich.

BAY CITY, Mich., Sept. 13.—Fifteen cases of dynamite in a car in the Michigan Central yards here exploded this morning while a switching crew was making up a train, killing two men and injuring three of the switch crew, damaging over 400 houses, school buildings and business places in the neighborhood and slightly injuring a dozen persons by broken glass.

The explosion occurred in that part of the yard surrounded by loaded freight cars and about twenty-five of these were wrecked. A long string of passenger and Pullman cars had their windows smashed.

CITY HIRES A SHARPSHOOTER

To Rid Central Park of the Half Wild Cats and Dogs That Live There.

For the first time in many years the city has on its payrolls a sharpshooter, and his work in Central Park in his brief employment has done much for the protection of the birds, squirrels and rabbits there. His duty is to rid the Park of the half wild cats and dogs.

The sharpshooter is Archer Hassler, who won medals in the Twelfth Regiment. He goes on duty in Central Park with his small calibre rifle at daylight each day, except Sunday, and works until afternoon. His report for the last week was eighteen cats and three dogs.

ROOSEVELT RULES LIPTON OUT

ONLY ONE GUEST OF HONOR AT YACHT CLUB DINNER,

And That One the President—Secretary Loeb Told Colgate Hoyt So—Painful Explanations by Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Loeb and the Secretary of the Club—Both Secretaries Say "I Did It! It's Up to Me!"

OYSTER BAY, L. I., Sept. 13.—The report that President Roosevelt had objected to the presence of Sir Thomas Lipton at a dinner of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club in the clubhouse on Center Island, on Sept. 18, which the President himself was to attend, was received here this morning with incredulity. Unbelief, however, quickly gave place to extreme surprise, when upon inquiry it was learned that the President had, through his secretary, not only objected to Sir Thomas's presence as a guest of the club at the dinner, but had even made it a prerequisite of his own attendance that the distinguished English visitor should not be there as a guest.

The discovery was surprising, because there was no reason for supposing that anything but the most cordial and friendly relations existed between the President and Sir Thomas. Mr. Roosevelt had entertained the owner of the Shamrock on the Mayflower at the time of the review of the North Atlantic fleet, had posed with him before the camera on that occasion, had paid him a pretty compliment in a speech at dinner, and had shown in other ways his pleasure at having Sir Thomas as one of his guests.

The situation is surprising, too, in view of the only explanation which is offered of the President's attitude in the matter—that is, that the President, when he accepted the invitation to the dinner, did so with the understanding that it was to be just a neighborly affair, and that there would be no outside guests present.

It is said, besides, in defence of Mr. Roosevelt's attitude, that he had already entertained Sir Thomas at luncheon in Washington and had had him on the Mayflower, and did not, under the circumstances, think it would be advisable to give the impression that he was overdoing the matter by appearing at a yacht club dinner with him at Oyster Bay.

Tho whole story of the unpleasant affair came out rather ludicrously at the Seawanhaka club this afternoon. Francis G. Stewart, secretary of the club, was standing at about 3 o'clock in a room at the rear of the clubhouse with the telephone receiver to his ear. He had just made the statement that he was largely responsible for the blunder which had disclosed the whole disagreeable incident, and had finished asserting that President Roosevelt had demanded that he be the only guest of honor on the occasion. The newspaper men were standing behind Mr. Stewart.

"Ting-a-ling-a-ling" went the telephone bell. Mr. Colgate Hoyt, chairman of the board of trustees of the club, who invited the President to the dinner and has had the whole matter in charge since, was on the other end of the wire.

"Mr. Hoyt? Is this Mr. Hoyt?" asked Secretary Stewart. "Oh, Mr. Hoyt," he continued, "the newspapers have got everything about the trouble over the Sir Thomas invitation. They've got all the facts and they know all about the correspondence.

"Yes, yes! What are we going to do? What can you suggest? Hadn't I better take the reporters up to see you? Yes, yes, I think that will be all right. I'll bring them right up to your house."

Mr. Hoyt lives about a quarter of a mile back of the Seawanhaka clubhouse, on a hill which overlooks the Sound for many miles. The hill is steep and progress on foot is slow. Secretary Stewart had time on the way to tell many interesting things about the coming dinner and about things that have occurred in the preparation for it.

"It's all my fault," he reiterated. "I'm largely responsible for this awful blunder. I went down to the New York Yacht Club last Friday night and saw Sir Thomas Lipton there. I asked him if he had an engagement for the 18th. He said he hadn't and I requested him to reserve the date. He said he would.

"I didn't mean to invite him to the banquet as a guest of the club, but as my own private guest. I didn't know at the time that President Roosevelt had sent word to Mr. Hoyt that he would not attend if Sir Thomas was a guest of honor. Mr. Hoyt told me about that later. I also tried to get the Earl of Shaftesbury, but he had another engagement for that night."

Mr. Stewart was emphatic in asserting that the President had made it plain to Mr. Hoyt that he would not attend the banquet if Sir Thomas came as guest of honor.

Colgate Hoyt was waiting for the party of newspaper men and the secretary on his front veranda. He took Mr. Stewart aside and held a hurried conference. Then he returned, rubbing his hands together and smiling easily.

"Gentlemen," said he, "there is not a word of truth in this story about the President and Sir Thomas. It's cut out of the whole cloth.

"The fact is that the Seawanhaka club is going to hold its regular annual banquet on the night of Sept. 18, and President Roosevelt will be the guest of honor. No invitation has been extended by the club to Sir Thomas and none will be.

"Sir Thomas is, you know, an honorary member of the club and, as such, is thoroughly entitled to attend the banquet without an invitation, or he may be invited by some member of the club. In either case we would be glad to have him with us, and I don't know of anybody who would object.

"The suggestion that we would invite Sir Thomas as the guest of honor with Mr. Roosevelt present is absurd. We are going to have the President of the United States at the banquet. We're proud of it, and he will, I want to say, be the only guest of honor."

Mr. Hoyt asserted that no correspondence whatever had passed between him and Secretary Loeb in regard to the President's attendance at the banquet.

Somebody said to Mr. Hoyt that Mr. Roosevelt's secretary had told a different story. Mr. Loeb, it was said, had stated that Mr. Hoyt had assured him in a letter that Sir Thomas Lipton would not be a guest of honor at the banquet and that the affair was to be only a neighborly dinner.

"Oh, well," said Mr. Hoyt impatiently, "I can't talk about what the President's secretary says."

Then he added a minute later: "But I did assure Mr. Loeb that the President