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**Injuries Not Serious But Painful-- Wounded Man Now En Route for Home.**

**TELLS STORY OF DISASTER**

**When Calamity Occurred Cyril Stood on Bridge and His Subsequent Experience Proved Exciting.**

New York, April 20.—Grand Duke Cyril has just arrived here on his way to St. Petersburg, says a World dispatch from Harbin. His injuries are not severe, although he is suffering from burns on the neck and ears caused by the explosion on the Petropavlovsk and from bruises of the back and loins caused by the beating of the turbulent waves.

He gave the following story of his escape, which was almost miraculous:

At the moment of the explosion on the Petropavlovsk the grand duke was on the bridge, at the other end of which was Admiral Makaroff. It seemed as if the world, the skies, the waters were suddenly rent asunder and from the gulf arose a devouring cloud and blinding flame, which burst with a roar into acrid, suffocating fumes. Scorching, blinded, choked, stunned, Cyril recovered consciousness sufficiently to recognize that the Petropavlovsk was settling down by the head. The bodies of the dead sailors were floating from off the forecastle deck, which was awash. All around lay wreckage. Fallen tops hampered and scalding steam cut off the grand duke's escape by the companion way.

He faintly remembers that he realized the necessity of making his way aft dimly reasoning that there he was more likely with some way still on the ship to clear the suction from her when she sank. He recalls clambering down from the bridge and making his way along the deck through clouds of steam and masses of debris.

He remembers ascending an incline, with the rising water, as it seemed, pursuing him into a barrette in which the water was already pouring with such force that he was required to use all the strength he could master to battle his way out. However, he reached a gun port and dived down and outward with all the force of an athletic and practiced swimmer. His temples were bursting with the effort of retaining his breath. Then he struck upward. At last the light came and he reached the air. While he filled his lungs he supported himself on a piece of floating wreckage which he seized and to which he assisted another struggling swimmer.

Then the grand duke looked around for the Petropavlovsk. She was not to be seen. The sea was quite calm and except for the gentle rise and fall of the woodwork to which he was clinging with his companion, he was quite motionless. There remained only a few swimmers, some floating wreckage and corpses. The grand duke estimated that he was in the water about one minute and forty seconds before reaching safety.

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**WANTS HIS MONEY BACK.**

**Aged Man Finds That He Placed Confidence in Wrong Person.**

San Francisco, April 20.—Thinking that he was too ill and feeble to live much longer aged Patrick Lafferty convinced himself that in young Alfred Donigan he had a friend, and he had his slender bank account of \$200 transferred to Donigan's name with the understanding that the boy should draw out such sums as he needed but could not go to the bank to get.

But never a cent was drawn out for Lafferty, and in desperation he went to the sheriff's office and reported his plight. It happened that Judge Low was there and out of sympathy he at once became interested in Lafferty's behalf, and today had the young man before Police Judge Cabanis on a search warrant. Judge Cabanis said it was evident to him that the young man and his mother had not been acting properly, and ordered the bank book assigned to Lafferty, who did not have a cent in his pocket.

Lafferty went to live with Mr. Donigan, and had \$53 in cash. The boy

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made out a bill which totaled the exact amount Lafferty had. Today the boy sprung another bill for \$47, saying the board was \$15 a week, although yesterday his mother had stated to Judge Low in the presence of a policeman that she had no further bills.

When Policeman Pyle went to Mrs. Donigan's home with a warrant Mrs. Donigan denied all knowledge of the bank book, although Judge Low showed her an order made out by the boy and giving the exact location.

**A Snake Story.**

A New York paper prints the following capital yarn, which is well qualified to take rank with Mark Twain's classic about the buffalo who "climb" a tree. Here it is:

"Many creatures of the tropic zone arrived yesterday aboard the Atlantic transport liner Marquette from London, and a few of them of antagonistic temperaments got into scraps on the way across.

"A monkey and a porcupine had a dispute and the porcupine wrote its monogram on the monkey. But the greatest sport to the animal keepers was a duel between a crocodile and a python.

"The crocodile is a pet of Mrs. Szarvasi of the Sells-Forepaugh show and is called Sappho. The python, so the classic press agent who gave the story said, is named Phaon.

"Three nights ago the python, said to be about twenty feet long, escaped from its box and discovered the pet crocodile, and made an effort to squeeze its life out. But the scaly armor of the saurian was unbendable and could not be cracked even by the rigorous pressure of a forty-foot python's coil. The crocodile lashed its tail in an ineffectual effort to reach the python, whose eighty feet were wound around the crocodile, chiefly amidships.

"The animal men discovered the combatants about an hour after they had been in conflict, and tried to uncoil the 150 feet of python. It was impossible as the coils had become as rigid as steel.

"Then the men decided to uncoil the coil by pulling out the crocodile with the help of a steam winch and a hawser.

"The python presented a somewhat

**CANADIANS WANT TREATY**

**Talk of Arbitration Agreement With Other Countries Pleases Them.**

**COMMENDED BY LAWYERS**

**Matter Will Be Brought to the Attention of Legal Men at Convention to Be Held in St. Louis.**

London, April 20.—The general council of the bar of England at the annual meeting unanimously passed the following resolution proposed by Sir Edward Clarke, former solicitor general:

"This meeting expresses strong approval of the conclusion by this country of treaties of arbitration with other countries and also of the manifestations in Canada and the United States in favor of a similar treaty between this country and the United States. This meeting trusts that the general council of the bar will take advantage of every opportunity of co-operating with the legal authorities of Canada and the United States for the attainment of the object."

A suggestion was made that Attorney General Sir Robert B. Finlay, on his forthcoming visit to the United States, should convey the resolution to the congress of lawyers to be held at St. Louis during the exposition there.

remarkable appearance after the separation. It simply could not uncoil itself and the animal men unrolled it, as they might a long barrel, back to its box. Then they drove it, tail first, into an opening, as if it had been a corkscrew. It had relaxed yesterday and looked just like any other python 320 feet long."

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**CIVIL SERVICE BILLS.**

**Office to Be Declared Vacant When Incumbent Reaches 70 Years.**

Washington, April 20.—The house committee on reform in the civil service authorized Chairman Gillett to introduce bill providing that on June 30, 1907, every office in the classified service of the United States held by a person who is then over 70 years old, shall become vacant and that thereafter such offices shall become vacant when the incumbent becomes 70 years old.

The committee directed Mr. Gillett to report all pending bills granting pensions to civil employees of the government to the house with the recommendation that they lie on the table. Also that he draft a bill reclassifying the clerical service of the government with a view to providing for more frequent promotions in the smaller salaried positions.

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