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MANY KILLED IN AWFUL STORM

SIX MEET THEIR DEATH

Thunder and Lightning Plays Havoc in New York City.

Storm Blows Up While Thousands Are
At Seashore to Escape Oppressive
Heat. Huddled Under Bath House
Which Is Struck By Bolt.

New York, July 30.—During a thun-
der storm of terrific intensity which
passed over New York this afternoon
five persons were struck by lightning
and instantly killed and nine were seri-
ously injured at Parkway baths, Coney
Island. At the same time one man was
killed and three others prostrated at
Gravesend beach.

The intense heat of the morning at-
tracted a great multitude to the shore
resorts and late in the afternoon the
storm blew up from the Westward of
the park and beach, which were thronged
with bathers and spectators.

The rain descended in torrents and
hundreds of men, women and children
sought shelter under the big bath house
which is elevated above the sand on
piles.

The lightning was incessant and ter-
rific thunder claps shook the bath house
to the terror of the crowd huddled to-
gether beneath it. A few minutes be-
fore 5 o'clock a bolt struck the flagstaff
and grounded in the very thickest of the
crowd.

Nearly fifty persons were prostrated
and the crowd rushed out into the storm.
Those who had remained in the water
were also panic stricken and ran in all
directions, not daring to enter the bath
house, which appeared to be on fire.

Ambulances were summoned from the
nearest hospitals. Five persons were
found dead and nine unconscious under
the bath house. All of the bodies were
scorched. The injured were removed
to the hospitals where it was said some
will probably die.

Many persons less seriously hurt,
were taken home by their friends. A
slight fire in the bath house was quick-
ly extinguished by the rain.

About the same time Henry Rans-
weller was struck and killed while seek-
ing shelter under a tree at Gravesend
beach, and his son William, with John
Apple and Daniel McCauley, were ren-
dered unconscious.

Lightning struck in various parts of
the city. A store on Flushing avenue,
Brooklyn, was burned, and a car in
Sixth avenue, Manhattan, was set on
fire but the occupants escaped unhurt.

The electric light and telephone wires
at Bellevue hospital were struck sev-

HOUSES WRECKED BY BREAKING RESERVOIRS

Bridgeport, Conn., July 30.—Loss of
life and immense damage to property
followed the bursting of reservoirs north
of this city, the result of unprecedented
fall of rain, early today. The precipi-
tation was in a series of showers which
struck across Connecticut last night and
this morning reached a total of seven
inches. The dam at Ward's mill at
Ashton, went out at 2 o'clock this morn-
ing, sending a great body of water down
through the town of Humboldt. There
was no warning to the people who lived

on the banks of what is usually a small
water course.
The house occupied by John Lesco, his
wife and several children was picked
up by the flood and carried a mile be-
low.
The family was asleep at the time
but all were rescued after the perilous
journey. A house, occupied by Michael
Moran was hurled against the Berk-
shire bridge and smashed into kindling
wood and it is believed that Moran was
drowned. Police and firemen went to
the rescue and saved several lives.

eral times, extinguishing the lights and
causing much alarm among the patients.

TRAIL BOOMS ON SABBATH.

Concessionaries Take Advantage of Vic-
tory Over Exposition.

Portland, July 30.—All but one of the
attractions on the Trail operated today.
No official action was taken by the ex-
position management to curtail the priv-
ileges of the concessionaries granted un-
der the decision of Judge Frazer in the
State Circuit court yesterday and it
is officially announced the officials of
the exposition will not carry the matter
further.

The religious element of the city,
headed by the Ministerial Association is
decriing the Sunday opening, but it
is likely further attempt will be made
to close the Trail.

BOY KILLED BY CAR.

Brooklyn, July 30.—Sylvester Cassidy,
7 years old, who lived in Warren street,
was stealing a ride on a Reid avenue trol-
ley car on Utica avenue, between Ber-
gen street and St. Mark's avenue, last
evening, when in jumping off he ran in
front of car No. 3925, going in the op-
posite direction. He was knocked down
and instantly killed.

John Palmer, the motorman of the
car, was arrested and held to await the
action of the coroner.

NEW AUTOMOBILE RECORD.

apt May, N. J., July 30.—Walter
Christie, officially timed, reduced the
American kilometer record to 25 sec-
onds flat today. He used a 120-horse
power machine.

KOMURA MAY BECOME COUNT

Such is Belief of Japanese News-
paper Men With Party.

Strongly Hinted That Plenipotentiaries
Will be Advanced in Rank if Nego-
tiations Are Successful and that Tak-
ahira Will Be Ambassador.

New York, July 30.—A number of Jap-
anese newspaper correspondents are
with Baron Komura's party. One of
them today expressed the belief that at
the conclusion of the war, Japan hav-
ing established herself as a world power,
would elevate her ministers in the cap-
itals of the powers to embassies.

It was also stated that the belief is
current in Japan, that should peace be de-
clared as a result of the forthcoming
negotiations, Baron Komura will, be-
come a count, which office carries with
it, in Japan, large sums of money and
also that Minister Takahira will be ele-
vated to the rank of ambassador.

BRIDGE SWEEP AWAY.

Bridgeport, July 30.—In North Bridge-
port water swept against the Barnum
avenue bridge and wrecked it just as
an ice wagon was crossing it. The wag-
on and horses were swept away and
William Kowzeski, the driver, was drown-
ed.

RUSSIANS ARE ASSURED BY CZAR

PEACE WILL BE WORTHY

Nicholas Issues Note in Response to Oren- burg Clergy.

Says People May Rely Upon Him; That
He Will Conclude No Shameful Peace.
M. Witte Speaks With Determination
In Interview.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—The
emperor has issued the follow-
ing reply to an appeal from the
clergy of Orenburg not to con-
clude a shameful peace:
"The Russian people can rely
upon me; never will I conclude a
shameful peace or one unworthy
of great Russia."

M. WITTE INTERVIEWED.

London, July 30.—The Daily Tele-
graph's correspondent on board the Kai-
ser Wilhelm der Grosse, on which M.
Witte, the Russian peace envoy is a
passenger, sends an interview with M.
Witte, in which the latter said that if
Russia and Japan had agreed upon a
common basis before the appointing of
peace plenipotentiaries it would have
been much better. As it was, M. Witte
said, he regarded himself rather as an
imperial courier sent in association times
and that if Japan was prepared to make
peace, nevertheless, he would discuss the
demands based on Japan's actual mili-
tary and naval successes in a business
like spirit.

"But I can not and will not," contin-
ued M. Witte, "entertain demands based
upon expected military successes in
the future. I am conversant with the
humane intentions of my imperial mas-
ter, and will do everything compatible
to Russian honor and dignity to es-
tablish that work of which I have been
an unwavering advocate. My first task,
however, will be to search for a basis
for fruitful discussion."

MARRIAGE OF SINGER REVEALED.

Theatrical Man Wedded On the Fourth
Little Church Around Corner.

New Brunswick, July 30.—Announce-
ment was made here today of the wed-
ding of John H. Watson, a theatrical
manager and singer of illustrated songs
his bride being Miss Ella Conger, of New
York City. When asked about the mar-
riage Mr. Watson denied the story but
his relatives and friends said today
that it had taken place, and that he him-
self had reported it.

It was a Fourth of July wedding, the
ceremony having been performed that
evening at the Little Church around the
Corner, New York. The couple were
attended by a sister of the bride groom
as brides maid, and Matthew Gallagher,
of this city, was best man. Mr. and
Mrs. Watson are now living in this
city. Mr. Watson has appeared on the
stage for several years and has manag-
ed several shows.

YOUNG MAN KILLED.

Harrison, July 30.—Joseph A. Rior-
dan, 25 years old, was instantly killed to
night near the trestle of the Lackawan-
na railroad, in Lyndhurst, by being
thrown off the footrail of a Hudson river
trolley car that was going at a rapid
rate. He fell while attempting to change
his seat.

SANTA FE SPECIAL IS WRECKED.

Chicago, July 30.—A broken
axle caused the wreck of the Cal-
ifornia Special on the Santa Fe
at Lamont last night.
One was killed and four were
fatally injured and a score of
others injured, but not seriously.

BURGLAR FIGHTS HARD.

Jumps Through Window on Woman in
Effort to Escape.

New York, July 30.—A young burglar
caught in the house of Edward J. Cole,
an inspector of fire alarm boxes, gave
Mr. Cole and other tenants of the house
as well as the police, a hard fight yester-
day before he was captured. The
thief said he was Edward Kellar.

Entrance to the house had been gain-
ed by prying open a front window. Mr.
Cole surprised Kellar in the dining room
where he was packing silverware val-
ued at \$600 in a pillow case. The man
bolted to the rear room where he barri-
caded the door with an ironing board
wedged under the door knob. Finding
it impossible to force the door, Mr. Cole
ran to the front of the house and shout-
ed for the police. The cry was taken
up by the janitor, while Cole rushed
back into the house, succeeded in forc-
ing the barred door, and found that the
burglar had taken to the fire escape.

Two flights above the fellow burst in
through the screen on Miss Alice Selsen-
berg, who was sitting by the window.
His attack was so sudden that she had
no time even to scream before she had
been thrown to the floor. Warning her
not to make an outcry, the burglar ran
to the door leading to the hallway. He
was just in time to meet Mr. Cole, who
had mounted the stairs in the hope of
catching his man up higher.

Cole grappled with the burglar and in
the struggle succeeded in punching him
in the jaw. Kellar fell to the floor of
the stairs, where he lay stunned. Cole
jumped down the flight of stairs on top
of him and held him to the floor and held
him down until the arrival of Patrolman
Kane. Even then Kellar had to be
clubbed into submission, and fought
most of the way to the station.

Miss Selsenberg suffered more from
fright than from the bruises received
in the onslaught of the burglar.

SENATOR UNDER KNIFE.

Successful Operation Performed on Geo.
Peabody Wetmore.

New York, July 30.—The operation
for which, as told in yesterday's Trib-
une, Senator George Peabody Wetmore,
came to this city last week was perform-
ed yesterday morning. It was intended
to have the operation performed last
week, but, owing to the extreme heat,
it was postponed.

The senator is resting comfortably at
the Hotel Savoy. It was said last night
that the operation had been successful.
Mrs. Wetmore has been with the pa-
tient night and day since they came
here. To all inquiries about the sena-
tor's condition she sent word that he
was doing well. The operation was for
the operation of a gall stone.

BROKER'S WIFE SHOTS HERSELF.

Bridgeport, July 30.—Mrs. Grace Mar-
shall, the wife of Charles M. Marshall,
a prominent Wall street broker, com-
mitted suicide in her apartments in the
Raleigh, Manhattan, early today by
shooting herself through the heart.

Of late Mr. Marshall had been over-
whelmed with work and had been com-
pelled to have his stenographer work at
the apartments in the evening.

This weighted upon Mrs. Marshall's
mind. She shot herself lying in bed soon
after her husband arose today.

SIXTY THOUSAND MAY GO ON STRIKE.

London, July 30.—A strike of
sixty thousand Lancashire cot-
ton operatives is threatened ow-
ing to the masters' refusal of a
five per cent advance in wages.

ENGLAND WILL STAND BY JAPAN

OPPOSED TO ARMISTICE

Entreaties of Washington for British Influence Unavailing.

Great Britain Will Stand by Japan How-
ever Severe the Terms of Peace May
Be. Not Expected She Will Offer Ad-
vice Under Any Circumstances.

Washington, July 30.—Japan comes
to the Washington conference assured
that whatever are her peace terms, they
will have the sympathetic approval of
Great Britain. Several suggestions from
Washington to London that the cause of
peace be received by an explanation to
Japan from her ally favoring the mod-
eration of her demands upon Russia,
have not availed a change with the
British government in its apparently un-
alterably determined to stand by Ja-
pan, however severe she makes her con-
ditions of peace.

Nor has the British government seen
its way clear to render assistance to
Washington in the efforts which this
government is making to obtain an arm-
istice until Japan is satisfied the Rus-
sian plenipotentiaries are prepared to
do more than to discuss the means of
ending the war; if Russia is ready to
conclude peace and has so empowered
her plenipotentiaries, Great Britain, it
is said might favor an armistice, but
even in this event she would, it is said,
not be willing to offer Japan advice on
the subject.

As understood in Washington, Lord
Lansdowne's position is that, as a loy-
ally of Japan, Great Britain can af-
ford to take no step nor to assume any
attitude that would in the remotest de-
gree redound to the advantage of Japan's
enemy.

When Japan asks her ally for advice
the London government, it is said, is
prepared to immediately give it, but
this advice will not be based on Japane-
se interests as a primary consideration.

Nor is this attitude on the part of
the London government misinterpreted
in Washington as indicating that its
officials do not share in the wish of the
neutral powers for peace.

It has been made plain that the ac-
tivity of President Roosevelt has the
full sympathy of the British people, al-
though their first thought it is de-
clared, must be in the interests of their
ally.

At the same time the London govern-
ment, in its exchanges with the Amer-
ican embassy in London, has not hesi-
tated to declare its confidence that Jap-
an's terms will not be unreasonable,
viewed in the light of the results of the
war.

Believing as official Washington does,
that Japan will not insist on the dis-
mantlement of Vladivostok, should Rus-
sia fail to agree in return for the neu-
tralization Port Arthur, and the cession
of Sakhalin, which, it is understood,

will be among the essential conditions,
it will, the officials here believe, prove
the most serious obstacle to peace.

Sakhalin had not been captured when
President Roosevelt initiated his efforts
to bring the belligerents together. It
is understood tonight from a source
which, although not official, is well in-
formed, that Russia will vigorously op-
pose the cession of Sakhalin.

DOG WILD IN YONKERS.

Bites Five Persons and Two Canines
Defies Policeman's Bullets.

Yonkers, July 30.—A large black dog
bit several children, a policeman and two
dogs yesterday afternoon at Culver
street and Riverdale avenue, Yonkers.
Bicycle Patrolman Van Steinburg was
sent to the place. Back of a stable he
found the dog frothing at the mouth and
writhing as though in convulsions. As
he approached the corner the dog sprang
at him.

The policeman discharged his revolv-
er, but the dog grabbed the hand with
the revolver in it. Two wounds, about
two inches long, were inflicted before
the policeman could free himself. Four
bullets did not kill the dog. As he ran
away he bit a small dog that was in his
way.

Some one gave the officer another
loaded revolver and he pursued the beast
A block away he found the dog cover-
ing in an alleyway, where he killed him.
Van Steinburg then went to St. Joseph's
hospital, where the wounds were cau-
terized. There he learned that two
children had preceded him and another
had been taken to a doctor's office. All
were bitten by the same dog. Another
dog was bitten before the officer ar-
rived.

GOES TO MEET THE PRESIDENT

Secretary of Agriculture on Way
Presumably to Oyster Bay.

It is Thought Mr. Wilson Will Consult
President Roosevelt Concerning In-
vestigations In Department of Agri-
culture. Determined to Probe.

Washington, July 30.—Secretary Wil-
son left here today, presumably for Oys-
ter Bay to confer with President Roose-
velt regarding the recent investigations
in the department of agriculture. The
determination of both the president and
the secretary to clear the department
of agriculture of any form of graft is
absolutely assured.

JEWELRY ATTRACTS BURGLARS

Brooklyn, July 30.—Burglars, at an
early hour this morning, broke into the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Robin-
son and stole a gold watch and chain
valued at \$150, a gold mounted foun-
tain pen, worth \$50, a pair of gold cuff
buttons, valued at \$3, some articles of
wearing apparel, and \$3 in cash.

The burglars effected an entrance in-
to the house by forcing the catch off
a front parlor window.
Detectives Collins and Fury, of the
Flatbush station, have been detailed to
work on the case.

TO VISIT DANISH KING.

Danalog, Prussia, July 30.—Emperor
William sailed on the Imperial yacht
Hohenzollern for Copenhagen to visit
King Christian, of Denmark.

VICTIMS OF FEVER NOW AGGREGATE FIFTY-SEVEN

New Orleans, July 30.—New cases of
yellow fever reported up to 6 P. M. to-
day, 27; total cases to date, 283; deaths
today, 3; deaths to date, 57; new foci,
3; total within foci, 41.

Though this is Sunday, the work of
sanitation, fumigation, oiling and screen-

ing went on just the same and will con-
tinue daily until the city is thoroughly
soreened and made mosquito proof. The
record for today shows little change
from that of yesterday, except fever
deaths. The decreased number of new
foci is also an encouragement.