GUESTS SAVED AFTER HARD STRUGGLE

Hotel Fire in San Francisco Almost Resulted Fatally in Several Instances

San Francisco, July 29.—Hotel Lynwood, a rooming house, was partly destroyed by fire today. The guests had many narrow escapes, and there was thrilling rescues made. Three of the guests were carried out in a semi-unconscious condition. An elevator boy was caught on the top floor, after arousing the guests, and was taken out of the window with a rope by the firemen on the roof. Mrs. Harkins, of Nevada City, California, was found unconscious in her room, but recovered soon after reaching the street.

RUSSIAN ASSASSIN IS KNOWN

Lives in the Southern Part of the Empire, But Nationality Is Uncertain

St. Petersburg, July 29.—Poryonoff is the name of the assassin of Minister Plehve, and his home is in Southern Russia.

St. Petersburg and all Russia is still shocked over the assassination. The people thronged the streets and visited the remains.

When the officers of the law, headed by Minister of Justice Muravieff had terminated the necessary formalities by drawing up a written report of the crime, the mangled body of the minister of the interior was conveyed to an humble chapel adjoining the railway station, the windows of which escaped destruction. Priests and people, with characteristic piety, at once hold in a solemn requiem.

The square in front of the station was filled with a reverent crowd of peasants and laborers, and the busy hum of traffic was silenced. A priest proclaimed mass in memory of the departed minister, while those in the congregation dropped to their knees.

A no less impressive service was conducted at the minister's stately home this evening, but only intimate friends were invited by Von Plehve's assistant, M. Durnovo, who is temporarily in charge of the minister of the interior. The magnificent staircase and the reception rooms were draped in black.

The body of the minister was covered with a white shroud, which concealed the ghastly mutilations. It reposed in a black and silver coffin in a corner of the vast hall, surrounded by luxuriant palms. Gendarmie and non-commissioned officers stood sentinel at the head of the coffin, while at its foot were too high officers of the ministry.

The hall and the adjoining rooms, which are decorated in the Byzantine style, somewhat resembling a church, were crowded with distinguished personages, including High Admiral Duke Alexis, Admiral Avellan, chief of the admiralty; Prince Khilkoff, minister of railroads; Minister von Plehve's associates, M. Wahle, M. Durnovo and M. Sovastianoff, and the members of the diplomatic corps in full force, including Spencer Eddy, American charge d'affairs; Sir Charles Hardinge, British ambassador, and M. Bompard, French ambassador.

St. Petersburg, July 29.—The assassin was examined before a magistrate today, but refused to make a statement. A post-mortem examination of Plehve's body shows the entire lower part of the face destroyed, and his ears torn off, a gaping wound in his breast, his left shoulder mangled, left arm broken off near the wrist, and both legs broken.

Missouri Republican Ticket.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 29.—The Republican state convention, which nominated C. P. Walbridge, of St. Louis, for governor, completed its work by naming the following ticket:

Lieutenant-governor—John C. McKinley, of Unionville.

Secretary of state—John Swanger, of Milan.

Treasurer of state—Jacob Gamelich, of Bonneville.

Auditor of state—Henry Weidler, of St. Genevieve county.

Attorney-general—Herbert S. Hadley, of Kansas City.

Railroad commissioner—F. Weightman, of Monett.

Benson Discharged.

New York, July 29.—John A. Benson, of California, who was under indictment in Washington on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States by the acquisition of government lands known as the forest reserve lieu lands in Oregon and California by fictitious affidavits and fictitious persons, was discharged in the United States circuit court, by Judge Lacombe, who, in his decision, said: "Upon the broadest construction which can be given to the indictment, it does not set forth facts tending to show a conspiracy to commit any offense against or to defraud the United States and the petitioner, should, therefore, be discharged."

Illinois Campaign Opens.

Chicago, July 29.—Republican national and state headquarters were opened and the work of the campaign in Illinois has begun. Saturday morning Chairman Cortelyou, of the national committee, will meet the Western members of the executive committee in conference with Chicago leaders, who will be active in the campaign, to discuss the situation with particular reference to the fight in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Good Fight Promised.

Marlboro, Mass., July 29.—There bids fair to be some whirlwind boxing at the opening show of the Highland Athletic club tonight. The main event is to be furnished by Al Delmont, of Medford, and Eddie Carr, of South Boston. In addition to this bout the club has arranged several promising preliminaries.

Watson Opens at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., July 29.—Arrangements have been completed whereby Thomas Watson, of Georgia, the Populist nominee for President, will open his campaign in Lincoln. Lincoln is the home of Thos. H. Tibbles, the vice-presidential nominee on the Populist ticket.

Captain Sorcho, the Diver.

Captain Louis Sorcho, the deep sea diver, with the Southern Carnival company is the champion of the world. He recovered almost 200 bodies from the Maine in Havana harbor. A paper writing of the occurrence says: "When on the morning of February 15, 1898, the entire civilized world was startled by the news that the Spanish had blown up our gallant battleship Maine in Havana harbor, Captain Sorcho was in Baltimore, Md., conducting his exhibition. He was doing an enormous business and was under heavy bonds and ironclad contract to play a season of two months, but when he heard of the great disaster and knew his country needed his aid, he threw up the contract, paid the bond, closed up the show and within four hours after the news had been broken presented himself to the United States authorities at Washington. He was at once accepted as the most expert submarine engineer in the country, and within five days he was descending in the dark slimy waters of Havana harbor amid the tangled wreckage of the stricken battleship. What others dared not attempt he accomplished with the greatest apparent ease and skill. From out the frightful charnel house of death he brought body after body of gallant sailor men until the hearts of those about his sickened. Day and night he worked in that dangerous twisted and torn mass recovering the dead, and when the last body that could be gotten out had been sent up he turned his attention to the wreck and it was his testimony and investigation that gave the court on inquiry its first proof that her magazines had not exploded as the Spanish claimed. The establishment of this fact by the intrepid captain sent a wave of indignation across the continent, which grew and grew and finally broke in the bays of Santjago and Manial to the destruction and confusion of the Spanish fleets. It was the captain to whom the credit was due and it was to him the credit was given. The greatest naval and army heroes of the country shook his hand and thanked him for his gallant services. By acclamation of the people he is America's premier diver.

Cat Released From Prison.

After nearly two years' imprisonment between brick walls four stories high and only a little more than three inches apart, a cat has been rescued by means of a lariat.

The feline dropped into the crevice when it was only a few weeks old and has been there ever since—fed and cared for by families residing in the buildings.

The prison which it occupied so long is between two buildings in East Fourth street. The crevice is closed in front and back by tin roofing.

Efforts which the kitten made again and again during the early days of its imprisonment to climb the slippery walls only to fall back were watched with sympathy by the neighbors, and they became divided into factions—those who thought the kitten ought to be killed and relieved of its misery, and those who held that while there was life there was hope.

The latter fed the cat and gave it water by means of a long string. Discontented neighbors many times threw it bits of poisoned liver, but the animal never touched it. Meanwhile the cat grew, and every effort was made to release it, but without success.

A few days ago the story became generally known, and came to the notice of a cowboy, who, with an old lariat, soon dragged the cat from its prison, thus removing a source of much worry to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.—New York World.

Oregon Development League.

The Portland Commercial Club has issued a call for a convention of the Oregon Development League, to be held at the Marquam Grand Theater, in Portland, August 2d and 3d. All commercial, agricultural, mining, stock raising and irrigation interests will be represented; every editor in the state will be invited to attend as a delegate, county commissioners and mayors of all towns and cities will also be called upon to name delegates. The Portland Woman's Club will look after the comfort of ladies accompanying delegates, and, among other entertainments, have arranged for a trolley ride on August 2d, taking in the most interesting and beautiful environs of Portland, and on August 3d 10 street cars will be provided for a trip over the entire city.

The Southern Pacific Company will sell tickets at the very low rate of one fare for the round trip, from all points on Oregon lines to Portland and return, for this occasion, and it is hoped that every section of the state will be well represented at the convention, to work in harmony for the development of Oregon. 7-16-eod

GREAT WATER SPORTS

St. Louis Witnesses Many Contests for Supermacy

St. Louis, Mo., July 29.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the first of the many oarsmen to take part in the annual championship regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen will line up at Creve Coeur lake and will be sent away as soon as possible in the opening heat of the set of 18 heat races that constitute the two days' program. In the various races will be seen the best amateur oarsmen of Canada, New England and the Middle West.

The events to be contested are as follows: International single sculls, senior single sculls, champion single sculls, intermediate pair-oared shells, senior pair-oared shells, intermediate double scull senior double sculls, intermediate four-oared shells, senior four-oared shells, international senior four-oared shells, intermediate eight-oared shells and senior eight-oared shells.

The race that is causing the most excitement is the championship single scull event, in which Frank B. Greer, the champion, will meet Titus, Juvenal, Veeley and Scholes, who recently captured the Diamond Sculls at the Henley regatta.

CONFLICTING REPORTS ARE RECEIVED

(Continued from first page.)

They say Russia already has lost one campaign, owing to the reckless ness of the Czar's advisers, but she must have Manchuria, and that she is now preparing for another campaign.

Oku Makes Report.

Tokio, July 29.—General Oku reports that, according to statements made by captured Russian officers, General Kuropatkin was present during the recent battle, and that the Russian generals Sakaloff and Kindravitch were wounded. The Russian casualties were about 2000, and the Japanese 1000. A number of prisoners were taken by the Japanese, also a quantity of ammunition.

Fighting at Port Arthur.

Che Foo, July 29.—Thirty refugees have arrived here in a junk from Port Arthur, leaving there on Thursday. There was exceedingly heavy fighting on land and sea at that time.

Sylvanus Condit Dead.

Sylvanus Condit died at his home in Aumsville last night of a complication of diseases, at the advanced age of 77 years. Deceased was one of the prominent pioneers of this county, and had taken a prominent part in the affairs of the state ever since he resided here. He served for a number of years as county commissioner of Marion county, being elected to that position in 1870. One son, Attorney A. O. Condit, resides in Salem, and a number of other children are residents of Oregon. He had a host of friends who will sincerely regret his death.

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A Girl's Fight With an Alligator.

A frail, slender girl, Miss Nelson one fine night in April, 1903, sat quietly beside her mother. From the next room where the two little children had been left came a strange grating sound. The older sister stepped to the door between the two apartments, only to turn pale with dismay and horror, for there, fast asleep on the hearth rug, lay the little brother and sister, and crawling slowly across the floor toward them a great, slimy alligator, evidently attracted to the house by the hope of young kittens or puppies, wriggled and writhed. Its wicked, stony eyes, grim with baleful light, were fixed on the unconscious babies, and the wide jaws, open and ponderous, dripped with the foam of eager, unsatisfied greed. Frantically calling to the dogs outside the front door to enter and help her, the brave girl caught up the large lamp that stood just within the mother's room, and hurled it full at the horrible, gaping jaws. Then, leaping aside to escape the furious onslaught thus brought upon herself, she stooped quick as thought, and tossed upon the high bed in the corner the suddenly roused and frightened children. She turned from this task to find that the infuriated alligator, diverted from its original purpose and confused by the unexpected attack, had dashed straight through the open door and made its way to the bedside of the helpless, terrified mother. Without a second's hesitation the devoted daughter rushed to her aid.

A shovel of hot coals from the glowing fire thrown directly against the vicious eyes of the angry creature only served to strengthen and intensify his fury. Apparently his entire will was now bent upon the destruction of the helpless woman on the bed. The awful, snapping jaws were within a few feet of her body when the desperate Alice, returning from the kitchen with the stout ax that had just recurred to her memory, sank is to the helve in the thick neck. Narrowly escaping severe injury in the death struggle that followed, all but fainting with nervousness and conflicting emotions, the brave girl followed this blow by others no less telling and doughty. When the still quivering, but no longer murderous, creature had been reduced to absolute impotence the entire house looked as though it had been wrecked by vandals, and the weary conqueror found herself suffering from many bruises.—August Woman's Home Companion.

The Difference.

"Far as I can learn," said the Pruntytown philosopher, with his usual raspishness, "the only difference—excepting, of course, the size of their bills—between the fashionable city physician, with several mysterious initials after his name, and the plain, every-day village doctor, who is commonly called 'Doc,' and swaps horses on the side, is that the former diagnoses your malady and the latter simply tells you what's the matter—that is, you s'pose they do."—August Woman's Home Companion.

Cloth may be rendered waterproof by rubbing in the under side with a lump of beeswax until the surface presents a uniform white of grayish appearance. This method, it is said renders the cloth practically waterproof, although still leaving it porous to air.

To protect the Liberty Bell from fire while at the St. Louis fair the Pennsylvanian commission has built trackways from the rotunda of the Pennsylvania building to the roadway below, so that the bell may be taken from the building in short orded.

Republican National Ticket.

For President,
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of New York.
For Vice-President,
CHAS. W. FAIRBANKS,
of Indiana.
For Presidential Electors:
G. B. Dimick, of Clackamas.
A. C. Hough, of Josephine.
J. H. Hart, of Polk.
E. A. Fee, of Malheur.

Fairbanks As He Is.

Mr. Fairbanks is, in many respects, one of the most remarkable personages in the American congress, says the New York Herald. Those who casually observe him and come in contact with him only occasionally find that he is all of these gentle things:

Gentle as a woman.
Good natured as a court justice.
Pink as a girl from the country.
Timid as a hare.
The personification of dignity.
The embodiment of negatives.
Wrathful as a lion when aroused.
Cold as Benjamin Harrison.
Logical as a Calvanistic preacher.
Amiable as Mayor Low.
A good lawyer.
A champion of labor.
A friend of corporations.
A political boss.
A Sunday school superintendent.

Had a Hard Time.

A traveling man at a hotel recently found a hair in the honey. He went to the proprietor and kicked. "I can't help it," said the latter. "I bought it for combed honey." The next day at dinner he happened to run across a small hair in the ice cream, and the landlord could not account for it. "The ice is shaved,' he said. The guest was boiling, for the next day he picked a raven hair out of his portion of the pie and angrily jerked up the proprietor, who turned him down effectually as follows: "In the apple pie eh! Well, that beats the Dutch! I bought those apples for Baldwuns"

The German government railroad exhibit at the St. Louis fair shows the block system and switch signals now in use in Germany. More than 1500 feet of track, in the construction of which both iron and wooden ties were used, have been laid. There are a station house two switch towers and one intermediate block signal post.

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