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MAN DIES IN $300,000 BLAZE ON EAST RIVER; LAID TO STILL

Fire Believed to Have Been Caused by an Explosion.

New York, Aug. 17.—A man was burned to death and property worth $300,000 was destroyed in a fire, caused by an explosion, in a one-story storage warehouse in Long Island City on Tuesday. So dense was the smoke from the fire, which was the most spectacular blaze the East River waterfront has seen in years, that traffic over the Queensboro Bridge was halted for more than half an hour.

A fireman soaking the blaze after it was under control, discovered a fifty-gallon still, a quantity of five and ten gallon cans containing denatured alcohol and one large cask also containing denatured alcohol. The fire is believed to have been caused by the explosion of a still similar to the one found.

Near the spot where the fire began was found the body of a man who is believed to be Daniel Pagliarello, a chauffeur. The body was charred beyond recognition. Underneath it was found a wallet which contained the half-burned chauffeur's card of Pagliarello and a bankbook.

Mrs. M'Cormick's Chauffeur Sane

Swiss Official Declares She Tried to 'Railroad' Amman Out Of Country.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—That Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick was trying to "railroad" her former Swiss chauffeur, Emil Amman, out of the country because of damaging statements that he may publish against her, was the accusation made by Dr. Schwendimann, executive secretary of the Swiss consulate here.

Dr. Schwendimann made his accusations during a hearing regarding Amman's sanity before Judge Jarecki's court. "It is an attempt to railroad this man," said Dr. Schwendimann. "Mrs. McCormick knows that he has, and may publish, a document that would be damaging to her."

Amman created a sensation with charges that Mrs. McCormick had exerted a "psychological control" over him since the days of 1919, when he had been a member of her psycho-analytic cult in Switzerland. He came to America in March of the present year.

Today he was pronounced sane by the jury sitting before Judge Jarecki. He was ordered released from the hospital where he has been held for over four weeks.

Amman declared through interpreters that Mrs. McCormick did not exert a hypnotic influence over him at all times, but in her presence he felt a psychic impulse difficult to explain.

Amman has written a lengthy manuscript, entitled, "My experiences as chauffeur for Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick," which Dr. Gerty described as a rambling talk.

CHICK EVANS CHECK CASE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Whether Charles "Chick" Evans, Jr., noted golfer, who recently retained his title as Western amateur champion, must face a charge of passing a worthless check for $7,500 will be decided within a week.

Evans insisted the check was not given for immediate payment, but was to be held pending completion of a loan arrangement, and that this understanding was not carried out by Charles J. Moore, a broker.

Municipal Judge McKinley said he would take Moore's complaint under advisement.

Japanese Pheasant Sounds Warning Of Coming Earthquake

Bird Very Sensitive to Earth Tremors, Says Seismologist.

Washington, Aug. 17—(By A. P.)—Have you a little earthquake-predictor in your home? If not you should get a pheasant, says Prof. F. Omori, a Japanese seismologist writing in a recent bulletin of the Imperial Earthquake Investigation Committee, for this bird is exceedingly sensitive to earth tremors even when so slight as to be unobservable by humans.

Observation of a pheasant in Japan during a period of about three years, in which 23 earthquakes were recorded on delicate instruments, showed that it crowed either before, or during, every slight shock. In 34 per cent. of the cases the bird crowed before the scientist's machine recorded the quavers, beating the instrument by as much as eight seconds. In 20 per cent. of the occurrences the bird crowed simultaneously with sensible earthquake motion; and in another 20 per cent of cases the bird crowed when the motion was too slight to be sensible to the observer. In only five cases did the pheasant crow after the motion was recorded, and only once did he fail to crow at all.

The keen perception of earthquake occurrence by the bird is no doubt due to its acute sense, by which it is enabled mechanically to feel the small vibrations in the preliminary stage of the seismic motion, Prof. Omori says. It is known that earth shocks are preceded by preliminary tremors that are so slight as to be hardly recordable. That the pheasant should be very sensitive and take alarm at the slightest disturbance, either natural or artificial, is probably a condition necessary to its existence, the scientist declares, as the bird with its long pointed tail and comparatively small wings, has no high flying capacity and nestles on the ground among the thick undergrowth.

It was observed, however, that the pheasant did not take alarm and crow when the ground was shaken by the passing of car, heavily loaded trucks or wagons, or other artificial means.

In Japan, Prof. Omori writes, there is a general belief that pheasants perceive earthquakes much earlier than humans. Certain other animals show symptoms of terror at the time of, or previous to, an earthquake, he adds, and cites several occasions when the musical croakings of frogs in a pond ceased just before or at the moment of a sensible tremor. If the shock be strong there is caused a general noisiness, cocks crowing and dogs barking.

A certain abbot was riding a horse near a town that was visited by a strong quake, when suddenly the animal dropped flat on the ground. The rider, who had not yet perceived the shock, attempted to urge the horse to his feet, but all his whipping was in vain until the shaking was over.

Captain Benjamin Kingston, who is at present employed as watchman on the schooner Marion Mosher, at South wharf, is 78 years of age and still remarkably active. He had been commander of vessels sailing out of this port for many years, and in 1878 was captain of the woodboat Governor, and later the schooner Emma, the Valdere and fifteen others. These vessels sailed between St. John and ports in the United States, carrying lumber, lime and cordwood. Captain Kingston is an interesting talker regarding the old days of the woodboats, and in addition to his ability as a mariner, he was several years ago a speed skater and will be remembered as having contested in several races.

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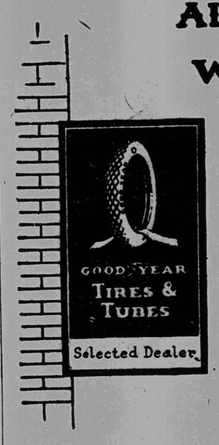

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Nerves Caused Him To Shoot Woman As Burglar, He Says

Policeman Asserts Firing of Revolver Was Result of Theft Scares.

New York, Aug. 17.—Mrs. Bella Shetland, of Brooklyn, who was accidentally shot by Patrolman Francis J. Regan, of the Parkville police station, in her own home on Monday evening, is recovering, it was learned at the United Israel Zion Hospital. Dr. William Linder made an X-ray examination and located the bullet between her right shoulder and breast.

Patrolman Regan, who showed he was greatly affected by his mistake, gave his version of the shooting to Deputy Police Inspector August Kuhne, of the Parkville Station. He said he was told by a citizen that Patrolman Petrozzini had discovered a window open at 4721 Twelfth Avenue and went to assist him. He described his entry to the house with Petrozini and his search of the first floor.

"At the top of the stairs," he explained to the inspector, "I saw a light shining through the glass in the door. The glass was the kind that is sort of smoky, so that it can't be seen through very well, but you can sometimes make out things through it. I could dimly see two objects inside. I had my revolver in my right hand and my flashlight in my left.

"The door was partly open, and as I started to go in one of the objects moved toward me. I don't exactly know what happened, but I think that the reaction as the person moved toward me caused my hand to contract and the revolver went off. I ran into the room and found the woman lying on the floor."

He said he was in a tense condition, as there had been an average of four burglar scares a week in his district. Patrolman Regan's testimony will be forwarded on to the Police Commissioner.

FRANK AT ELEVATOR SHAFT COSTS LIFE; MAYBE TWO

Providence, Aug. 17.—One youth died at the Rhode Island Hospital and another is expected momentarily to succumb to injuries received when the two were purshed into an elevator shaft from the third floor of the Greystone mills by a third youth who thought to play a prank on his fellow-workers.

While temporarily idle, Pasquale Pezzulo, 17, and Ralph Conca, 15, were seated in a large wicker basket on rollers, used to convey yarn from floor to floor of the mill in the elevator. Henry Guesaldo, 16, thought it would be a good joke to frighten the pair by giving the basket a shove toward the elevator. One of the doors guarding the elevator shaft, however, failed to hold, and the two young men plunged to the bottom of the pit, three floors below.

Pezzulo died at the hospital three hours after the accident, and little hope is held for Conca's recovery.

SAYS EX-KAISER IS CRAZY.

New York Mind Reader Tells of Visit With Former Emperor.

New York, Aug. 17.—Professor W. Bert Reese, who asserts that he has demonstrated his mind reading ability to prominent men in Europe and America and has "mystified many scientists," told at his apartment, of a visit to the ex-Kaiser at Doorn last May. Professor Reese returned to America on the Veendam Sunday, after a five months' trip through Europe.

"There is no doubt in my mind but that the former Kaiser's mind is unbalanced," said Reese. "During my entire visit, he spoke of nothing but religion and spiritualism, and his mind wandered from one subject to the other.

"He believes in spiritualism and even declares he has had messages from the dead. He says he knows he is going to heaven when he dies.

"There doesn't appear to be any hatred in his heart for any one or any country. He is just a broken man, mentally rather than physically, although I don't give him much longer to live."

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VOLIVA SAYS THERE'S NO SUNRISE—JUST ILLUSION

Zion, Ill., Aug. 17.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion, and advocate of the flat world theory, announced that there is no such thing as "sunrise" or "sunset."

"They are only optical illusions. The sun is the same height above the earth at all times.

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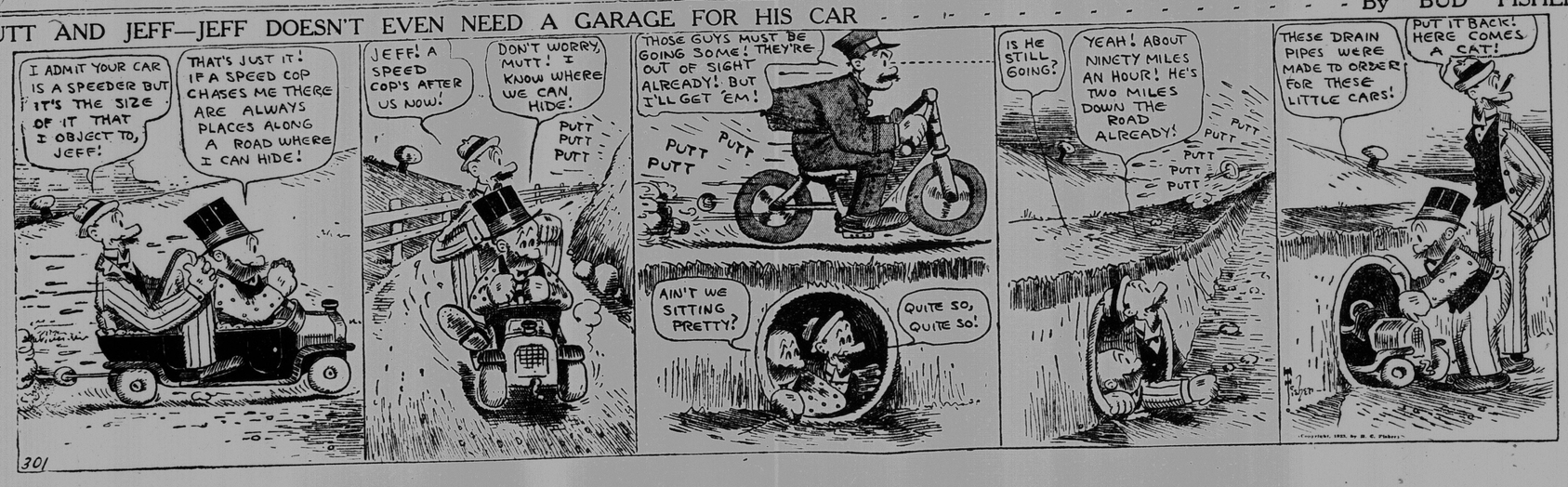
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