

RICH AND EARL COMES TO WE BEAUTY AND WEALTH.

Lord Strafford, on the Teutonic, Admits the Soft Impeachment.

HE IS VIGOROUS AT 65.

Health, Wealth and Title for the Handsome Bride of Half His Age.

HIS FIANCEE'S GUEST TO-DAY.

Vigorous as one of the oaks of his native England, the Earl of Strafford, who comes here to wed Mrs. Samuel J. Colgate, walked with a firm tread down the gangway of the White Star steamship Teutonic yesterday.



The Earl of Strafford and His Fiancee.

The Earl of Strafford, who is to wed Mrs. Samuel J. Colgate, arrived here for the first time in his life of sixty-five years yesterday on the White Star liner Teutonic. His lordship, who is more than twice the age of his affianced, does not look his age. He has a sturdy figure and a rosy face which shows few wrinkles. The Earl will be a guest to-day at a family Thanksgiving dinner, given by Mrs. Colgate at her country place, "Uplands," at New Hamburg, on the Hudson.

and stopped ashore for the first time in the United States. There is nothing in the hearing of His Grace to indicate his age, sixty-five years—more than double that of his beautiful fiancée. He is squarely built and his intellectual face bears few wrinkles. The white hair and mustache alone show that he has passed life's meridian. He wore a black Prince Albert suit yesterday and a square-topped derby hat of the London pattern.

If any doubt existed of the Earl's mission His Lordship quickly set it at rest—more quickly, perhaps, than he had intended when he embarked for America. He had hardly taken a dozen steps on the pier when he was met by the inevitable interviewer, who asked him point blank the question which society has pondered over little more than a year, and which Mrs. Colgate has answered in the negative whenever it has confronted her.

Admits the Soft Impeachment. The Earl's rosy face grew a trifle rosier and he glanced this way and that, as if he would fain escape from his questioner. Then he looked the interviewer in the face and said:

"Yes, it is true that we are to be married, but the date of the ceremony and the place have not yet been arranged."

Sidney J. Smith, Mrs. Colgate's brother, and her brother-in-law, Alfred Kessler, Jr., arrived at this point, and the Earl was quickly escorted to a carriage, which whirled the trio to No. 4 West Sixteenth street, the city home of Mrs. Colgate, where she entertained in lavish fashion during the life of her first husband, the late Samuel J. Colgate, a rather ill-mannered little man, who was evidently proud of his beautiful wife and of her social successes.

The Earl will be one of the guests at a family Thanksgiving dinner, given by Mrs. Colgate at her country place, "Uplands," at New Hamburg, on the Hudson. The other guests will include Mrs. Colgate, Sidney J. Smith, Mrs. Colgate's mother, Mrs. Samuel Smith, and her brother-in-law, Alfred Kessler, Jr. Society will probably take more interest in this Thanksgiving party than in any other, by reason of the mystery which Mrs. Colgate has chosen to make of her engagement to the Earl of Strafford. As recently as the last day of the Horse Show Mrs. Colgate denied to some intimate friends that she was engaged to the Earl. It is now believed that the wedding will take place in the very near future.

Both Bride and Groom Are Wealthy. The wealth of Earl Strafford, whose family name is Byng, runs into the millions. He not only owns 16,000 acres of land in various parts of England, but he is also the possessor of valuable real estate in the Millwall district of London. He also has a handsome country place, known as "Northing Park," in Barnet, Hertfordshire. He is the fourth Earl of Strafford and he has been a widower for nearly twenty years. His wife was the Countess Henrietta, Daneshield Samose, of Denmark.

Mrs. Colgate is one of the most beautiful and accomplished women in New York City. She is now about thirty years old and at the death of her husband, five years ago, had left to her a fortune of several millions. She has one child, Adele C. Colgate. Mrs. Colgate was presented at the English court two years ago by the late Ambassador Bayard and from that time on she has been in the best London society.

Burglars Loot a Church. Burglars entered St. Barnabas's Episcopal Church at Irvington on Monday night and took away everything valuable. Entrance was gained by opening a side window. They stole altar furnishings worth \$500.

LASAR'S JEWELS ARE CONFISCATED.

Judge Brown Orders a Verdict for the Government in the Smuggling Trial.

GEMS WORTH \$57,200. If They Are Sold for Full Value, Uncle Sam Will Win \$49,000 by the Case.

The defence in the Lasar diamond smuggling case collapsed yesterday. Counsellor Levy's "mysterious woman," who was to have wiped out the effect of Ivy Curade's testimony, is evidently a legal fiction, as was former Judge Dittenhofer's threatened "startling surprise." At any rate, none of them was put in evidence to clear Max Lasar of the charge of having smuggled \$200,000 worth of uncut precious stones into the United States.

The Government began the day's session by recalling Miss Curade to the stand. She said the letters she had written to Lasar had been returned to her in Liverpool by Mr. Grinberg, a Maiden lane diamond dealer. He told her he had kept copies of them. She afterward destroyed the letters. The defence had tried unavailingly to introduce these copies of Miss Curade's letters in evidence, but as she denied the handwriting they had been ruled out, N. 232.

The lawyers for the defence asked time for consultation, which was granted. A brief consultation was held with Judge Brown and the District-Attorney, and then the Judge instructed the jury to bring in a verdict confiscating all the diamonds seized at Lasar's offices by the Treasury agents except those shown by Custom House entries to have been entered honestly and the duty paid. The value of the diamonds confiscated is more than \$57,200. Those returned to Lasar are worth about \$10,000. This verdict is without prejudice to the criminal cases pending against M. J. Lasar, Emanuel Lasar and Helena Lasar.

The preparation and trial of this case has cost the Government about \$8,200. So Uncle Sam wins about \$49,000, if the diamonds are sold at a fair price. Ivy Curade turned and smiled maliciously at Max Lasar as she left the court room. She will remain the Government's guest until the criminal cases are disposed of.

Dean Farrar Praises Salvationists. In a speech made by Dean Farrar at Canterbury last Sunday night the famous clergyman spoke in the most glowing terms of the Salvation Army and the work of its members. This is an incident of much importance in the religious world, since the "Church of England," of which the Dean is the highest representative, has always been considered inimical to the Salvation Army.

BAD DRUGS, WRONG PRESCRIPTIONS.

War Commission Hears More of Hospital Mismanagement.

NEARLY THROUGH HERE.

It Takes a Rest To-day, and on Saturday Goes to Boston.

The war investigators are having a rather uneasy time with their medical witnesses. One doctor, who gave his name as Pyfe, called upon Dr. Connor to tell him he could not get physicians of standing to testify if he persisted in his discourteous manner of examination. This doctor went away without answering Dr. Connor's denial of any intention to bulldoze.

Dr. Cyrus Edson was another who did not testify. They kept him waiting in an anteroom for an hour, and then he left in disgust. The commission will hold only two more sessions in New York. It will devote tomorrow and Saturday to hearing whatever civilians will appear before it. Then it will go to Boston to continue the long-drawn-out search for the men who were responsible.

One of the witnesses yesterday morning was a trained nurse, Mrs. Johanna W. Wagner, of Yonkers. She established a diet kitchen at Camp Wikoff and worked among the sick soldiers for a month. "The hospital here was incompetent," said Mrs. Von Wagner, "the ambulance service was inadequate and many of the contract surgeons were incompetent. Many of the men died complaining of the pain caused by the drugs that had been given them."

"What do you mean by that?" she was asked. "I mean that wrong prescriptions were given on more than one occasion. Once I called Major Corlies' attention to a dose for a man that would have killed him if it had been administered. The matter was referred to the doctors at the General Hospital, and the doctors were not shown away, but nothing was done to the physician who prescribed it."

"None of the doctors," continued the witness, "did not seem to care whether their patients lived or died."

Mrs. Von Wagner would not give the names of the surgeons to whom she referred. James J. Archibald, a San Francisco newspaper correspondent who accompanied the first regulars to Cuba, told some incidents of the severity of Dr. M. M. Wood at the hospital near Siboney. He refused to permit anybody to visit the sick, and would not allow the Cubans to build shelters for his patients, though they needed them very much.

Cleveland Moffatt, another correspondent, exhibited photographs showing that men who died at Camp Wikoff were not buried with the decency which was that the camp authorities say were shown.

Mr. Moffatt also testified that twenty badly needed ambulances remained unused at the camp because of lack of repairs. He also said that much of the drugs used, particularly the quinine, was worthless stuff, without the slightest medicinal value.

John Jay Robinson, who worked with the Y. M. C. A. delegation at Camp Wikoff, said the camp was well managed, so far as he could see, and most of the difficulty was caused by the inexperience of the volunteers. He told some amusing stories of soldiers deceiving the women who came to camp with a pretence of illness, in order to get a dose of brandy.

Captain Knight of the Eighth New York Volunteers, submitted a statement prepared by the Board of Officers of the camp, denying that their camp at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga, was badly conducted or unusually unhealthy.

The afternoon session was largely devoted to hearing the testimony of physicians. Among those examined were Dr. Elmer Lee and Dr. H. C. Anderson. Dr. Anderson, who was an acting assistant surgeon of the army, thought the camp of his regiment (the Second Infantry) at Camp Wikoff was ideal. He thought the men were well treated, all things considered. He said he reduced the number of sick calls in one day from 300 to 120 by threatening to punish malingers.

"Were the ladies of assistance to you?" he was asked. "Some of them were," he answered, "but some merely worried us, as they did nothing but talk. Their whole idea when they found a man lying down sick seemed to be to rub his head and give him broth."

LIVE JEALOUS OF HERO HOBSON.

Lieutenant's Work Hampered by Other Naval Officers.

WHY TERESA WAS LOST.

Belief Is That the Man Who Raised Her Could Have Brought Her In.

SNEERS AT MERRIMAC'S SINKING.

One of the Bureau Chiefs Declares the Purpose of the Act Was Not Accomplished—Secretary Long's Attitude.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Court of Inquiry appointed by Secretary Long to investigate the abandonment of the Maria Teresa at sea yesterday, a peculiar state of affairs at the Navy Department. It is the old fight of the line against the staff breaking out again. Even Secretary Long himself has felt its influence, and it was only under the strongest pressure that the Court of Inquiry was ordered. It is said now in inside circles in the Navy Department that this Court of Inquiry is expected to lead to a court-martial.

More than one naval officer thinks that the Maria Teresa could have been saved. The interview published in the Journal this morning, with Second Officer Edward Webber, of the British steamship Antilla, was the cause of much discussion all through the Navy Department. It was talked of in all the offices, and while its statements were questioned, most officers believing that the Maria Teresa is now a hopeless wreck, yet the belief was general that the vessel could have been brought safely into port.

Feeling Against Hobson. One of the highest officers in the Navy Department admitted to-day that there was a strong feeling adverse to Lieutenant Hobson among naval officers. This feeling and its influence, he added, had been powerful factors in retarding Hobson in his work and minimizing his importance, and its demonstration had been made most conclusive in the manner of the saving of the Maria Teresa.

Lieutenant Hobson was obstructed in the first instance in his notation theory, and but for the Secretary of the Navy, who has warm personal regard for the officer, he would not have been permitted to test his theories. Again, when the Teresa had been saved, it would have been the prerogative of the allowed Hobson to assume command and bring the prize to the United States. On the contrary, this prize, of inestimable value, was practically abandoned in such manner that the Secretary of the Navy had been obliged, in response to public sentiment, to appoint a Board of Inquiry into the circumstances.

The Navy Department claims that it has no official information that the Teresa is on the sand and could be gotten off. Lieutenant-Commander McCalla is, however, expected to send by mail a detailed report of the condition in which he found the vessel. Lieutenant Hobson's views apparently have not yet been asked by the Navy Department.

Jealous of Hobson's Feat. The inside history of the opposition to Hobson, as shown by the same officer, is that Rear Admiral Sampson appointed Hobson when he was a naval constructor to the command of the Merrimac. The command was taken out of the hands of a line officer, and this act of the rear admiral was resented by the whole line, afloat and ashore, and especially by some of the principal chiefs of the Navy Department. One of the notable exceptions is Rear Admiral Schley. The Secretary of the Navy has been by his open approval of Lieutenant Hobson and his personal attention to him when in Washington a large factor in preventing Hobson from being suppressed by certain bureau chiefs.

One of these chiefs said a day or two ago that Lieutenant Hobson had already enough glory out of his feat. "It should be remembered," this chief said cynically, "that Lieutenant Hobson sank the Merrimac, but as to blocking the channel his exploit was a failure."

New Assistant for District-Attorney. Maurice B. Blumenthal will be sworn in as First Assistant District-Attorney on December 1 at a salary of \$7,500. Ever since he became a voter, seven years ago, Mr. Blumenthal has been an active Tammany worker, and during the recent campaign he had charge of Isaac Wigwag's spellbinders. It is understood that he will fill the vacancy to be created by the retirement of J. Lindsay Gordon.

Judge Taft, Who is Being Boomed for the Presidency of Yale.

At Yale it is not thought that the movement to elect Judge Taft to Yale's presidency will go through before the bi-centennial of the college, in 1901. Judge Taft is the candidate of the younger and the Western alumni, but he will not be elected without opposition from Eastern and older alumni, who have Professor Ladd, head of the department of philosophy, as their candidate. It is now believed that President Dwight will accede to the urgent requests of the alumni to remain president till 1901, and not press his resignation.



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THRILLING ESCAPES AT THE BIG BALDWIN FIRE.



E. J. BALDWIN

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—There were 302 guests and many servants fast asleep in the Baldwin Hotel when that great death trap caught fire soon after 3 o'clock this morning. If, as thus far known, the only ones to perish were the two men whose names follow, the destruction of the Baldwin block will deserve remembrance as one of the luckiest of great fires.

The Dead. Jonathan L. White, retired merchant of San Francisco. Louis Meyer, cigar dealer, lately returned from the Klondike.

Meyer was not even burned or suffocated or crushed. He died of heart disease resulting from the excitement of escape. White was dashed to the pavement by the breaking of a rope.

The Injured. F. P. Noen, St. Louis, both ankles broken. George Huber, San Francisco, cut about body. Miss Bridget Mitchell, San Francisco, badly bruised.

Fire Marshal Towse, San Francisco, cut about head. The Missing. J. M. Leghead, San Francisco, purser steamer City of Sydney. Tate Prior, racing book writer. F. R. Andrews, cashier cafe. Fred Webster. Joe Summerfield, Chicago, book-maker.

Siler, advertising agent, St. Louis. Westliche Post. Two chambermaids. John Carter, race track judge. Loss Set at a Million.

It is not yet possible to translate the property losses into dollars and cents; but a rough guess places them at \$1,000,000. Here is a rough summary of the havoc wrought by the flames: One of the most important and central blocks in this city, including the leading theatre, the second largest hotel and several high-class retail stores, has been laid waste. Between three and four hundred persons have lost valuable personal effects.

The entire effects, scenery and so forth of Gillette's "Secret Service" company, including money and jewels of the players, have been destroyed. The Columbia Theatre, just across Powell street, from the Baldwin, has been damaged by water to the extent of \$15,000. It cost "Lucky" Baldwin a million and

a half to build and furnish his hotel, a quarter of a century ago, after having paid as much again for the site. Quite recently the hotel had been refurbished, at great expense, by its lessee, Stone & Company. The theatre was under lease to Gotlieb Marx & Co. The entire building was mortgaged up to the hilt, in common with the rest of the possessions of E. J. Baldwin, who has long since outlived the significance of his nickname.

A Great Tinder Pie. It was an imposing structure, occupying the wedge-shaped site bounded by Market, Powell and Ellis streets, with six stories and a lofty dome. Ostensibly it was built of brick, but that was merely the outer shell. The interior was wood, fit material for a bonfire. For years the place has been a byword of apprehension, and Baldwin's policy of only \$100,000 insurance on it was maintained by the payment of extremely heavy premiums.

How the fire started is not likely ever to be known, but it is thought to have originated in the theatre, where Gillette and his Eastern company had been giving performances of "Secret Service." In the hotel part of the building it made its first appearance on the fifth floor.

Women's Heroism. Captain J. L. White, who occupied a room on the fourth floor, was killed while trying to escape by means of a rope which dangled from the fifth floor almost to the street below. The rope had previously done good service, being the means by which five persons escaped from the burning building.

The story of the rope is a thrilling one. For eight years Kate Richardson has been an employe of the hotel, occupying a room on the fifth floor. Five years ago Miss Richardson, as a precautionary measure for just in case of an emergency, procured a rope long enough to reach from her room to the street.

When the alarm was given Miss Richardson, with assistance of Gustaf Johnson, a companion, secured the rope to a place of heavy furniture and threw the free end out of the window. The two brave girls gave precedence to the two men, and then Miss Johnson took her position on the rope and went down hand under hand.

A Terrible Death. Miss Richardson was the last to leave. She had gone down but one story when Captain White, who occupied a room on that floor, called to her appealingly begging her to be cool and not to jump. Miss Richardson stopped on the edge of a window sill and begged the captain to take her place on the line. This he refused to do, and only after dint of much persuasion could he induce Miss Richardson to save herself, promising to follow.

Miss Richardson reached the ground in nearly a hundred feet. The rope, weakened by the strain to which it had been subjected and chafed by contact with the window sills, which had become intensely hot, could not stand the strain of Captain White's weight.

Through the rifts in the smoke which curled round the crown of the building could be seen at intervals the white-clad forms of women and men clinging to the cornices. Already on all sides of them, the woodwork was beginning to smoulder. Thirty engines were pouring streams of water into the smother, adding their throbbing to the clangor, which was punctuated by muffled explosions from the interior of the building.

Meanwhile the fire was descending swiftly to the lower floors, and although firemen and policemen were performing noble work in getting the panic-stricken guests and servants into the street, the crowd found it impossible to believe that a great many lives had not been lost.

Women Go Hand Under Hand Down a Rope from Fifth Story of the Hotel.

MILLION OF DESTRUCTION.

San Francisco Loses Its Leading Theatre, Stores and Cafes of a Whole Block.

TWO DEATHS—ELEVEN MISSING.

Women Employes of the Hotel Heroically Give Way to Guests and Allow Them to Save Themselves First.



'Lucky' Baldwin and His Hotel, Which Was Destroyed by Fire.

The Baldwin Hotel, burned early yesterday morning in San Francisco, carrying with it the entire block and causing a loss of about a million. There were 302 guests and employes asleep in the house at the time, but, so far as is known, only two lost their lives.

York, escaped from the burning building by sliding down a stand pipe on the Market street front. She fell part of the distance, and was badly bruised. Late this afternoon the fire engines were being withdrawn.

Mrs. Smitman Gets Her Watch Back. Mrs. Marie Smitman, who followed her husband from Buenos Ayres to Brooklyn and had him arrested on a charge of larceny, called on Property Clerk Blotford yesterday and received the valuable chronometer which was part of the property she charged her husband with stealing. She will remain in New York long enough to get a divorce.

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