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FOREST FIRES CAUSE ALARM.

Buildings in the Outskirts of Several New Jersey Towns Threatened.

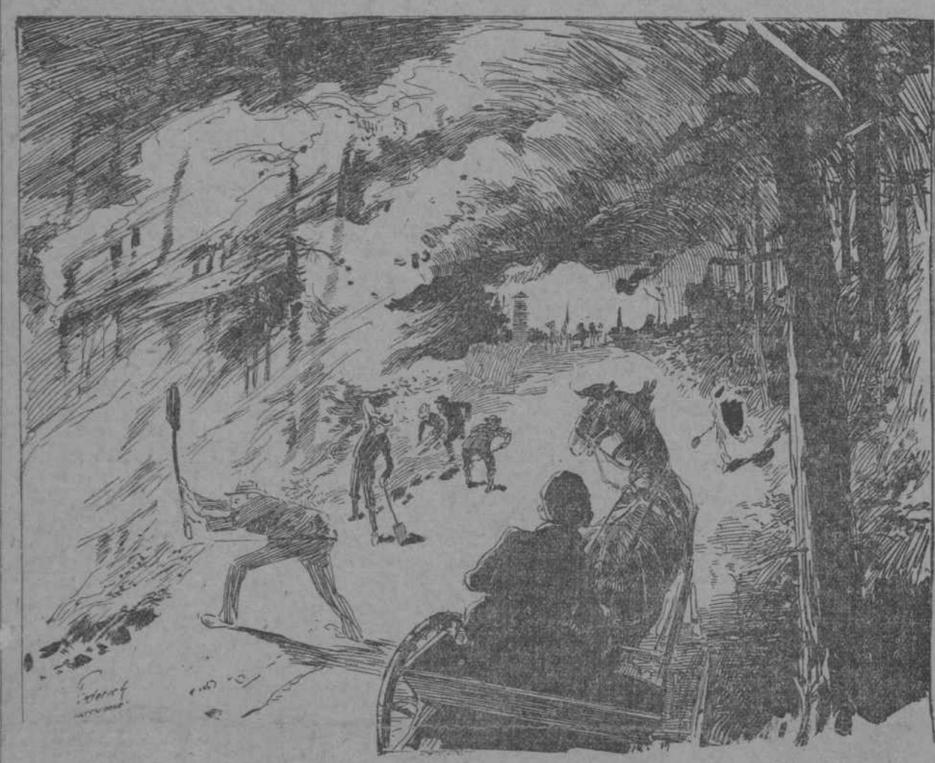
Egg Harbor City, N. J., April 1.—Forest fires to-night are in every direction, and threatening buildings in the vicinity of McKee City, Pomona, Germania, Bridgeport and Port Republic.

Dover, N. J., April 1.—Fierce forest fires have been raging in the mountains near here since Sunday. To-day one of the fires reached the summit of a mountain in the mountains two miles away, and for a time threatened the residence of William H. Bray, a coal dealer of this place, who lives there.

CHARGES PLAGIARISM.

Miss Morton, a Critic Says, Did Not Originate "A Bachelor's Romance" and "His Wife's Father."

Chicago, April 1.—According to Lyman B. Glover, the dramatic critic of the Times-



Fighting Forest Fires Near Patchogue, L. I.

This picture shows farmers fighting flames on the line of the Bedford road, in an effort to keep them from advancing further toward the town of Patchogue. Should the fire cross the road the Long Island town would be in serious danger.

Herald, Martha Morton, the playwright, is not entitled to the full credit of two of her most successful plays. In fact, he charges her with boldly plagiarizing both "A Bachelor's Romance" and "His Wife's Father."

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HUSTLING GRAND JUROR.

Tried to Sell Watchman's Registers Before the Presentment Recommending Their Use in the Alms House.

A man called on Charles Commissioner Henry last week and presented his card, which showed that he was C. E. Sanford, the inventor of a watchman's register.

Then Mr. Sanford informed Mr. Henry that he was a member of the Grand Jury and knew what he was talking about. He said it might not be right for him to call so early as a representative of his company, but he said he might as well be on the ground early.

The presentment of the Grand Jury, handed down Tuesday, recommends watchman's registers, automatic fire alarms and ironwork fire-escapes for the almshouse.

Composer Brahms III. Vienna, April 1.—Johannes Brahms, the famous German composer, who has

CRETANS SEEK AN AMERICAN SHIP.

Plan to Run Blockade Under the Stars and Stripes.

THINK THEY WILL BE SAFE.

Believe the Powers' Warships Will Not Dare Fire on This Country's Vessel.

By Langdon Perry. (Copyright, 1897, by W. R. Hearst.)

Athens, April 1.—The Cretans will try to run the blockade of their island under the American flag. They are now seeking a vessel flying the Stars and Stripes, in which to send a load of provisions to Crete.

I had an interview with M. Renieri, for forty years president of the celebrated Cretan Committee in Athens. He knows

age of the reservation. It was inserted in the reply to the powers merely as a saving clause.

The Administration has no intention of either interfering with or even protesting against the blockade. The possibility of American intervention in Cuba looms up to prevent giving Europe an excuse for stepping in on the ground that the United States assumed to have equal interests with the Continent in Cretan affairs.

CONSENTS TO BLOCKADE.

Great Britain Willing That War Ships Shall Close the Gulf of Athens.

Vienna, April 1.—The Fremdenblatt publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg to-day, which says that Great Britain has notified Russia of her assent to the Admirals' proposal to blockade the Gulf of Athens, provided all the powers assist in the blockade. Russia, it is added, is willing to send another battalion and a battery of artillery to the island of Crete, provided a majority of the powers do likewise.

London, April 1.—It is semi-officially announced that the Admirals of the foreign fleets in Cretan waters have asked their representative governments to dispatch fifty cavalrymen and a battery of artillery each for service in Crete.

Owing to the decision to extend the blockade, it is necessary to reinforce the international fleet, and some days must elapse before the requisite number of war

JACQUENAU TELLS OF THE WRECK.

Story of the Ill-Fated Ville de St. Nazaire's Captain.

SUFFERING OF SURVIVORS.

Men in the Master's Boat Had Little to Eat, and Drank Sea Water.

Copyright, 1897, by W. R. Hearst. Hamburg, April 1.—Captain Jacquenau, of the ill-fated Ville de St. Nazaire, who arrived here last night on the American steamer, Marva Mariani, Hqbart and Saona, is extremely weak.

I had a talk with the Captain this afternoon. He is a powerfully built, grizzled old sea dog from Rochefort, where his wife and six children live. Captain Jacquenau said that three times he had been wrecked, but the loss of the St. Nazaire was the most terrible of all. The steamer was in excellent condition, but the fearful sea off Cape Hatteras made it hopeless to expect she would live. A leak was soon sprung, and then they took to the pumps until it was impossible to check the inrush of water.

No Panic on the Ship.

At that time they were only two days from New York. When it was observed that the vessel was going down the order was given to make ready the boats. There were nineteen passengers, and their safety was first attended to, and everything was carried out in a thoroughly orderly and calm manner.

Two boats were, he believed, swamped, but he and nine others got clear in a third. This was on the 8th, and they saw nothing of the other boats, as a heavy sea was running and speedily separated the various craft. Their sufferings were terrible; for six days they had no food, save ship's biscuit, and no fresh water. They drank sea water during the whole time, and yet, strange to say, their health remained good and they did not become lightheaded.

Two negroes succumbed the second day. The manager of a hotel and two men died on the fourth. The sea never moderated and the exhausted survivors hardly knew whether they passed vessels or not.

Sighted the Maroon.

At length the steamer Maroon, seventeen days out from Hamburg, fore down on them and took them off. It was only just in time, since they all were in an utterly enfeebled state. On board the steamer they were treated with the utmost kindness and speedily pulled round.

All the men praised the attention shown them in the warmest terms.

Herr Liebermann, agent of the French liner here, happened to be celebrating his silver jubilee to-day and invited all survivors, who will be fitted out anew at the expense of the company and sent on to Paris to-morrow. As the seamen only speak French, they experienced some difficulty in making themselves understood, but the sailors on board the Maroon were eloquent in deeds.

MUTINY IN EAST BOSTON.

Three Seamen Assault a British Steamer's Officers—Sentenced to Long Terms of Imprisonment.

Boston, April 1.—Thomas O'Brien, Henry Gilman and Samuel Mulvey, three English seamen who mutinied on the British steamer Greeland yesterday afternoon, at her wharf in East Boston, were arraigned in the East Boston District Court this afternoon.

HONORS AMERICA'S HERO.

The Government of Nicaragua Celebrates George Washington's Birthday.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 23.—Washington's Birthday yesterday was celebrated by the Government of Nicaragua. In the morning and at sundown a national salute was fired. All the Consular flags were flying all day and from 4 to 6 p. m. and an informal reception was held at the United States Consulate, where Paul Wieseke and his wife cordially greeted and entertained their guests.

KING GEORGE'S THREAT.

Will Declare War on Turkey, if the Gulf of Athens Is Blockaded.

London, April 1.—The Times will print to-morrow this dispatch from its Vienna correspondent: "A council of the admirals was held to-day (Thursday) to determine whether and when the Gulf of Athens is to be blockaded. All the powers have now consented to that proposition, though nothing has been decided with respect to the blockade of other Greek ports."

It is no secret that King George has formally stated to the powers that a declaration of war against Turkey will follow immediately an extension of the blockade to the Greek coast. This fact cannot be left out of consideration. It is believed in some quarters that if the Gulf of Athens is blockaded popular excitement will compel the King to declare war, even if his own judgment and that of the Cabinet were against this.

More War Ships for France.

Paris, April 1.—At Cabinet meeting the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Count de

PROUD ON THEIR BENDED KNEES.

Prof. Collin Pleads Before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

LEXOW QUESTIONS HIM.

Argument That the Big Combinations Are of Great Benefit to the State.

Albany, April 1.—A well-paid aggregation of lawyers appeared before the Senate Committee on Judiciary this evening and pleaded for mercy for the trusts. They wanted the anti-trust bills prepared by the Lexow committee so amended that more latitude would be allowed to the Judges of the State in interpreting the laws which will be made if the bills are enacted into statutes. The burden of the argument of the only advocate of the trusts who was allowed to talk this evening was that the committee had done its work too well.

The appeal for more liberty for the judges in interpreting the proposed statutes has a significance, when one considers the solicitude with which trusts and corporations watch and plan when nominations are made for the judiciary of the State.

The very power of discretion in the judiciary which the trust advocate pleaded for this evening, was the goal which the advocate strived for last year when the Lexow-Robbins anti-trust bills were under discussion.

Professor Collin's Argument.

The attitude of the committee this evening was apparently against the trusts. Professor Charles A. Collin, who, as Senator Hill's legal adviser, drew the present corporation law of the State, and who is the law partner of William F. Sheehan, spoke for the Jersey corporations, which, he said, were oppressed by the bill.

"These bills will drive from this State millions of dollars' worth of capital, will cut off the living of thousands of residents and will lower the commercial standing of the State to a large degree," said Collin.

Then Mr. Collin held up the decision of Judge Peckham in the United States Court to the committee's attention, and said: "In view, especially of the tendency of the courts, as shown in the late decision of the United States Supreme Court, to construe laws of this kind not in pursuance of what was intended by the trust, but in accordance with the sweeping language of their provisions, the language of these proposed acts is exceedingly dangerous to business interests to the extent and most important extent. I have sympathized with Senator Edmunds, who, as it appeared in the newspapers, said that he drafted the anti-trust bill, but that he never intended any such result—an experience which is very common with drafters of bills."

Objected to Certain Provisions.

Mr. Collin's leading theme was an attack against the provisions of those bills which provide that "No stock corporation formed by the combination of the business of two or more persons for the purpose of restricting or preventing competition in the supply or price of any article or commodity, or business in this State, shall be authorized to do business in this State."

He said: "Every corporation, as well as every partnership, is formed by the combination of two or more persons, and necessarily has the effect of preventing competition between the persons so combining. The committee will recognize that I do not exaggerate when I say that the effect of this language is to expressly prohibit every foreign corporation from purchasing, manufacturing and selling goods in the State of New York. These bills, which are hardly less onerous than those which are not only unjust to those holding their stock, but will also be reactionary on the State itself. They will drive from this State hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of capital, add to the present liability of officers, directors and stockholders, would tend very strongly to drive from the State their industries and firms."

You criticize the first of these bills for compelling foreign corporations to do what domestic corporations are now required to do under the present law," said Senator Lexow.

"I must differ with you," was Mr. Collin's reply. "In that conclusion, the present law makes no distinction of what shall constitute a combination or a competition, and, therefore, leaves it to the construction of the courts."

"Then you do not agree with the general claim that these bills mean nothing, are not effective, but think that under their provisions trusts cannot exist in New York?" was Senator Lexow's next question.

"I think that their effect will be to keep foreign corporations from doing business in this State. Instead of being simply effective, they are sweepingly disastrous in their effect," replied Mr. Collin.

The hearing was here adjourned until to-morrow morning.

When Collin had talked an hour the committee adjourned the hearing until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Collin said he had only begun to talk. Julien J. Davies and other lawyers will also talk against the bills.

DEMANDS AN INQUIRY.

Paris Figaro Wants to Know Who Left the Ville de St. Nazaire to Her Fate.

Paris, April 1.—The Figaro, in an article conveying strong expression of opinion in regard to culpability for the loss of the French Line steamer Ville de St. Nazaire, demands that inquiry be made with the object of ascertaining the names of the captain and the character of the cargo, as well as the name of the vessel, which, according to the statement of the mate of the Ville de St. Nazaire, stopped near the latter ship when she was in distress, but did not attempt to render any assistance.

ER CONTRACT VETO.

Wanser, of Jersey City, Sent It Last Night to the Board of Finance.

Mayor Wanser, of Jersey City, last night sent to the Finance Commissioners a veto of the pending contracts with the East Jersey Water Company to supply the city with water at \$36 per million gallons, the city to have the option of buying the plant at any time after five years for \$7,000,000.

Mayor Wanser says the specifications under which the contract was awarded were too indefinite to allow of proper competition and protection for the city's interest. The resolutions were adopted by the Street and Water Board last November, and were concurred in by the Finance Commissioners, December 1. Mayor Wanser says he delayed acting on the contract in the hope that he would be able to get the company to reduce its \$250,000 bill for water furnished on temporary contract. Since the company has thrown the matter into the courts, only a legal settlement can now be had.

The Mayor also believes that the courts would set the contract aside, because of the indefinite specifications and that if a new contract is called for there will be more bidding, and the city can make a better bargain. The vote went over under the rules.

Seized Contraband War Material.

Malaga, April 1.—The Spanish authorities here have seized a quantity of contraband munitions of war at this place, which were intended for the use of the Rifians in Morocco. One Rifian subject and two Moors have been arrested in connection with the seizure. It is said that other British subjects are involved in this attempt to supply the Rifians with arms, and will be taken into custody.



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