

IN A FIERY SHROUD.

Awful Holocaust at the Home of Secretary Tracy.

WIFE AND DAUGHTER PERISH.

The Body of the Young Lady Completely Incinerated.

HER MOTHER STIFLED BY SMOKE.

Death Results a Few Moments After Her Rescue.

MR. TRACY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

He is Taken from the Building in an Unconscious Condition, but is now Believed to be Recovering.

A Terrible Calamity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A terrible calamity visited the household of Secretary of the Navy Tracy this morning whereby three persons—Mrs. Tracy, wife of the secretary, his daughter Marie, and a French maid—lost their lives and three others were badly burned. The house is a three story and basement brick situated on I street between Connecticut avenue and Seventeenth street, and has recently undergone extensive improvements.

Persons passing the house at 7 o'clock this morning saw smoke issuing from the front windows, and at once raised the alarm of fire. The fire and police department responded promptly. The premises were almost completely concealed by the dense smoke, which was thickened by a heavy fog which was just lifting.

It was soon discovered that the house was all ablaze inside, and that the main stairway was burnt, thus cutting off communication with the sleeping apartments on the second and third floors. Several streams of water were thrown on the flames, and every effort was made to check the fire.

A scene of the wildest confusion ensued when it was known that all the members of the family were in the house. The fireman behaved like heroes in the emergency, and went through fire and smoke searching for them in the different apartments.

Mrs. Winlerding, the secretary's daughter, and Miss Winlerding forced their way through the blinding smoke and jumped from the second-story front window. Ladders were stretched for them, but in their excitement they failed to see them. Mrs. Winlerding lost her wrist and was severely injured. Her daughter was badly injured about the lower limbs, but broke no bones. They suffered severely from the shock. They were at once taken to the residence of Dr. Baxter, near by, and restoratives applied.

Mrs. Tracy endeavored to escape the raging element by crawling through her front window, and in an effort to decrease the distance to the ground grasped the narrow window sill and lowered herself as far as she was able. Those who saw her in her perilous position shouted to hold on, but either she did not hear or her strength failed her, for after thus hanging a moment between life and death she fell forty feet into the street below.

Anything could be done towards rescuing her or relieving her fall. She was immediately taken to the house of neighbor Dr. H. H. H. and placed upon a lounge in the sitting room. She was perfectly unconscious, and did not seem to suffer any pain. Occasionally she complained of oppression in the neighborhood of her heart, and found difficulty in breathing. She talked a while, coughed slightly, and then became silent. Physicians looked at each other significantly—Mrs. Tracy died. The immediate cause of her death was supposed to be from injuries to her heart, sustained in the fall from the window, which flooded her lungs with blood. It is said that had she delayed her movements a couple of minutes, ladders and mattresses and other means of safety could have been at hand. Her body was soon removed to the residence of Attorney General Miller, on Massachusetts avenue.

Almost at the same time two ladies were taken from the burning building. One was the secretary's daughter, Miss Marie, a young lady, and the other was that of a French maid, Josephine. The former was found by Chief Parish lying on the floor in the second story hall, at the head of the stairs. She had evidently died from suffocation. The chief lifted the lifeless body in his arms, and although the staircase was ablaze, he brought it out into the street. It is said that Miss Tracy could have saved herself if her strength had held out a few minutes longer.

Of the French maid little is known, save that her dead body was found in a room on the top floor of the house, burned beyond recognition.

Both the bodies of Miss Tracy and the maid were taken to an undertaker's establishment in the vicinity.

Secretary Tracy himself had a most wonderful escape and is now lying in a somewhat precarious condition at the residence of Judge Davis. Like the others, he was overcome in his sleep by the smoke which filled the house and rendered him unconscious.

He was discovered in this condition and with considerable difficulty was removed to one of the bedrooms. One of the ladies who were quickly answered, and many willing hands were raised to assist him to the ground. He was at once removed to a neighbor's house and was soon surrounded by physicians. The doctors applied artificial means to induce respiration and succeeded, after an hour's work, in restoring him to semi-consciousness.

It was then thought safe to remove him to Judge Davis' house. He improved slowly from this time, and soon regained consciousness, recognizing friends who called to inquire in regard to his condition. Among the first of these were the president, vice president and several members of the cabinet. The full extent of his terrible affliction is withheld from him for the present. His first inquiry upon recovering consciousness was in regard to the safety of his family. He gradually gained in strength, and his friends are sanguine of his complete recovery.

The walls of the house are standing, but the interior presents a picture of ruin and desolation. The residence of Judge Cox of the district supreme court, on the left, was badly damaged by water.

All around these residences great crowds

BLOODY FUSS FOR DREYFUS.

A French Duel in Which Real Gore Was Spilled.

THE EDITOR HIT IN THE ARM.

Marquis de Moraes' Experience in Montana Proves of Great Value to Him on the Field of Honor.

An Unusual Termination.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—[New York Herald Cable-Special to The Bee.]—The much talked of duel between the Marquis de Moraes and M. Camille Dreyfus was fought yesterday morning in the outskirts of the little town of Comines in Belgium, just beyond the French frontier. At the word of command M. Dreyfus fired and the marquis aimed deliberately and sent a ball into the arm of his opponent, just above the elbow joint. The wound is painful, but not serious. Had it not been for the fact that Dreyfus dropped his arm immediately on firing it is very probable that he would have been mortally wounded.

M. Dreyfus, in a feverish condition, with his arm bandaged and greatly swollen, is now lying at Lille, where he remains until the doctors allow him to return to Paris. The Marquis de Moraes, accompanied by his seconds, reached Paris last evening in time for dinner.

Besides the principals nine men witnessed the duel—two seconds on each side, two doctors, a French officer, a friend of M. de Moraes, M. Van Island, owner of the property where the fight took place, and a Hovak correspondent. No other newspaper representatives were present.

The duel in many respects was a remarkable one. It was occasioned by an article written some days ago by M. Dreyfus in La Nation, in which the well known political writer said a number of things about the marquis which the latter considered insulting.

He said the marquis was a banker, his mother a Jewess, and he himself a—, a word not usually printed in high class newspapers, but it begins and ends with the same letter.

A few hours later he received a challenge to mortal combat. The conditions of the duel were that if neither were wounded after the first round, a second should be fought, and after that a third if necessary. As both men are expert shots, their many friends looked forward to the result with serious apprehensions. For years the Marquis de Moraes has been accustomed, on the immense cattle ranches of Montana, to the constant use of the revolver. It had been his boast that no thief had ever stolen one of his horses or steers and lived. M. Dreyfus had enjoyed the reputation of being among Parisian journalists the one whom it was particularly inadvisable to challenge. He rarely missed his man.

About 7 o'clock Saturday evening a tall, handsome man, enveloped in an ulster, stood near the ticket office at Gare du Nord, apparently intent on reading a paper. He was really waiting for his seconds.

It was M. de Moraes just starting on a journey from which he might never return alive. Presently two others approached, also enveloped in ulsters. The taller and larger of the two was the Comte de Dion, and the other M. le Capitaine Feuillant, recently promoted as one of Boulangers' staff officers.

A floor whispering conversation, during which glances were shot from time to time in the direction of a similar group not far distant, the party moved toward the train. The second group followed. A pale-faced, medium-sized man walked in front, accompanied by Lockroy, ex-minister of public instruction, M. Pechon and Dr. Maisot. The pale-faced man was Camille Dreyfus. They also took places in the train. The marquis and his party at once established themselves in the dining car for the next two hours, eating, drinking, laughing and chatting, and they seemed to have a glorious good time. Then they withdrew to their compartments, succeeded by their opponents, who also dined and talked joyfully.

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THE PROPOSITION IS LOADED.

A Scheme the Iowa Democrats May Spring Today.

REPUBLICANS ON THEIR GUARD.

Considerable Difference of Opinion as to the Proper Time for Electing a United States Senator.

The Iowa Legislative Situation.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—There is talk tonight that the democrats may spring tomorrow a double proposition in the house and ask the republicans to take their choice. This proposition, it is reported, will be to the effect that whichever side has the permanent speaker shall not have the committee on the suppression of intemperance. They will suggest a fair division of the offices and committees, with the speakership on one side and the temperance committee on the other, and try to put the republicans in the attitude of going back on prohibition or else surrender the speakership. It is a very shrewd scheme, if they really have it in mind. Leading republicans were asked tonight what they would do in that case and they say that they would insist that all such propositions must be submitted through the regular channels—that is, by a conference committee. They will not consider or discuss on the floor of the house any proposition of that kind without its previous consideration in conference.

The only other subject of interest discussed tonight in the senatorial matter. Tomorrow the Iowa legislature will convene in regular session of the house. If the statute prescribing the time for the election of senatorial electors should be amended, it is imperative that a bill be taken tomorrow. But if permanent organization is meant it can be deferred. Some republicans think the attempt to elect a senator should be made tomorrow, but the democrats object to any such proceeding, and will not consent unless their government can also be inaugurated. There has been so much talk lately that possibly the republicans might be in the minority tomorrow. Then, supposing some democrats should move the election of a United States senator, what would the republicans do? This contingency has only rarely been anticipated, and a strong effort will be made tomorrow to get the republican strength so as not to be caught napping.

The House. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 3.—In the house this afternoon twenty pairs were announced—only two more than on Saturday. Voting for permanent speaker began with the forty-ninth ballot, which resulted in Hamilton, 30, Wilson, 30. After taking a few more ballots the house adjourned.

The Mayor Holds the Funds. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A set of resolutions were introduced in the city council meeting tonight demanding that the mayor, John A. Patterson, force over to the city treasury all moneys collected by him belonging to the city, and in case of his refusal, to do so the city attorney be instructed to begin suit at once compelling him to do so. Also that impeachment proceedings be instituted in case of his refusal. The resolutions were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 10 nays, the deciding vote, ruling them out of order. Another set of resolutions were then introduced, demanding an immediate investigation of the official acts of the mayor. This also resulted in a tie, the mayor voting for investigation, and the council members voting against it. The mayor has persistently refused to turn over the city funds in his hands on the grounds that there is no city ordinance compelling him to do so. The affair has created intense excitement in the city, the council chamber tonight being crowded with citizens.

A Saloon Murderer. CLINTON, Ia., Feb. 3.—In the residence part of the city, Pat McNeely recently started a saloon in a cottage. An effort was made to close him up and he was arrested, but the saloon was kept running a hole for some time. Early Sunday morning Jim and Jack Hovan, Jim Haulan and some others were there carousing. Haulan took his gloves and accused some of the gang of taking the hot words. Haulan went home got a revolver and returned. He was met at the door of the saloon by the Hovan boys and two others who asked Haulan what he wanted. He said: "I want to come here to kill somebody and I am going to do it," and at once opened fire, shooting Haulan in the chest, the ball lodging back of his ear. He then turned to Jim Hovan and said: "You want some, too, don't you?" Jim Hovan started to run, but Haulan shot him in the back, the ball penetrating his heart, killing him instantly. Haulan then stood over his second victim, saying: "I'm sorry I hurt you, but you were the first to start." The wounded man is still alive and may recover. The murderer when he left on a Northwestern train going east into Illinois.

The Supreme Court. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The following decisions were rendered by the supreme court today: E. L. Blackman vs Fairbanks, Morse & Co., appellants; Butler district, affirmed. Leander Bolton vs Osborne Hoisk & Co., appellants; Polk district, reversed. H. H. Siciles vs Dallas Center bank, appellants; Polk district, affirmed. Citizens' National bank et al vs A. T. Johnson et al and John McFarland & Co., appellants; Polk district, reversed. In the matter of the estate of William John Gill, deceased; Polk district affirmed.

Iowa's Charitable Institutions. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The report of the superintendent of the Gleason home for the feeble minded, which was filed with the auditor of state today, shows that during December there were 41 inmates. Warrants for the sum of \$4,000 were issued for the support of the college for the blind at Council Bluffs, \$15,700 was paid out of the state treasury.

Bridge Proposition Carried. LYONS, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A special election on the question of building a bridge over the Mississippi at this place was held here today. The vote was in favor of the bridge—551 majority—only 110 votes being cast against it.

Killed by a Horse. WATERLOO, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Samuel Decker, a blacksmith at Jessup, a small town near here, was kicked in the temple by a horse he was shoeing last Saturday and instantly killed. He was about fifty years old.

Forgo-r Larkins Pleads Guilty. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A. Larkins, the noted Parsons, Kan., forger, this morning pleaded guilty to an indictment for forgery and will be sentenced Friday. He evaded the Sioux City Savings bank out of \$25 a year ago.

A Running Street Fight. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—J. D. Kamey, bookkeeper for the Fidelity Loan and Trust

SECRETARY TRACY'S SORROW.

The President Comforts Him in His Awful Grief.

B. & M. RIGHT OF WAY WANTED.

The Company Desires a Short Cut Through the New Fort Omaha—Timber Culture Matters—Miscellaneous.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The president, who was on the sidewalk last night, the lifeless body of a woman clad in a night dress, a few feet from the head two charred and blackened canary birds; in the opposite direction, the distance of two steps, the crisp form of a parrot still in death. Death on every hand, and every heart in agony, was the scene of the tragedy, what was an almost new and handsome deep red brick residence, now black from smoke, with windows crushed in and doors torn out. That was the scene a thousand people gazed upon as they beheld at 8 o'clock this morning what was last night the happy home of General Tracy, secretary of the navy. In a neighbor's residence near by were the bodies of the president's daughter, Miss Tracy and daughter, Miss Marie Tracy. Within a short distance lay Secretary Tracy and the married daughter, Mrs. Winlerding, and Miss Alice Winlerding, the latter's daughter. These escaped from the burning building shortly after 7 o'clock almost miraculously.

The fire was the sole theme throughout the city during the hour before the dead body of the woman was taken from the sidewalk. No one appeared to know whose it was or to assume authority to remove it. Neighbors, police and firemen gazed in awful silence at the speechless form of the unknown woman, then diverted their attention to the scene of desolation about the building.

It was not until 7 o'clock that the body was taken to the hospital, which must have prevailed when at daylight, amid the roar of leaping flames, stifling smoke, crashing glass and intense heat, the form of the woman was hurled from the doorway to the sidewalk below, one to be picked up in a dying condition, one dead, and two fell in the throes of death inside the building.

M. L. Ruth of the navy is a famous man in social circles and has had an experience full of romance and tragedy, whatever happens seems always to be there. It is in an accident, or a murder, a fight, or a fire, Dr. Ruth seems by fate to be destined as a witness, and the result of his life would make as thrilling a tale as ever came from the pen of Charles Dickens or Wilkie Collins. He lives at the Metropolitan club as the corner secretary, but from the floor, just one block in the rear of the Tracy mansion, "I was awakened," he said this afternoon, "by the sound of a gun firing. I saw a window saw the flames and smoke rising from the roof and windows of Secretary Tracy's house. I pulled on my clothing as fast as possible and ran to the door. The firemen told me that the secretary had been taken as dead to the house of Mr. Rhean, on Connecticut avenue, and I ran there at once to see if I could do anything for him. The kitchen was wrapped in a blanket and with nothing on but his night shirt. He was unconscious and in a comatose condition. I immediately resorted to the usual means to secure artificial respiration, the same that are used to restore drowning persons. I used ether, stramonium stimulants, chafed his hands and feet and soon succeeded in getting him to breathe. He was severely suffocated with smoke, but had suffered no other injury. He was taken in soon, Dr. May, who had been near Mrs. Tracy, and Dr. Kerr, who lives near 17th and Connecticut streets. They were soon followed by the chief of the fire department, the secretary of the navy, who had been the family physician of the Tracy's. Very soon President Harrison came to the scene, and General Wainwright, the secretary of the navy, and General Tracy's aide. At that time the secretary was unconscious, but uttering incoherent sentences. The president assisted in the manipulation of the resuscitating apparatus, as well as sympathy. 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