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## J. P. MORGAN IS SHOT BY CORNELL PROFESSOR TO STOP EUROPEAN WAR

### WOULD-BE SLAYER HAS BEEN TAKEN; IS NOW IN JAIL

Man Gives Name of F. Holt, Ithaca and Dallas.

Intruder Carries Two Pistols and Dynamite.

FINANCIER IS SHOT IN GROIN

Mystery Surrounds Reports of Extent of Injuries.

Doctor Refuses to Confirm or Deny Wound Is Dangerous.

STOCKS ARE NOT AFFECTED

Man Says That God Told Him to See Banker.

Educator Professes To Be of German Extraction.

Glencove, L. I., July 3.—J. P. Morgan, who recently has been handling enormous war contracts for the allies was shot in the groin today by a man giving the name of F. Holt, who forced his way into the residence at East Island, the great Morgan summer estate here.

"Morgan started the war and could have stopped it at any time he wished. I am willing to die for the service I have rendered humanity," said the prisoner in a statement to Justice of the Peace Luyster, before whom he was charged and held for felonious assault.

Dr. John Zabuski, attending J. P. Morgan, this afternoon reported to neither deny or confirm that Morgan's injuries were serious. He said he had been instructed by the financier himself not to talk.

"Is Mr. Morgan's life in danger?" the physician was asked.

"A man's life is always in danger when he has been shot," he replied.

Holt said he was an instructor in languages at Cornell university, and also at Dallas, Tex.

Is University Professor.

The Cornell university records contain the name of Frank Holt. He was an instructor in German there during the last year. He was to go to the University of Texas as a professor in German for the coming term.

Henry Fiske, Mr. Morgan's butler, doubtless saved his employer from more serious injury by felling the assailant with a blow from a coal hod and overpowering him. Holt was locked up in the Glencove jail and from his cell issued a statement asserting that he was impelled to go to Mr. Morgan to persuade him to stop the shipment of munitions of war from this country abroad.

Attack in Dining Room.

The attack on Mr. Morgan was made in the dining room of the Morgan home. The assailant, refused admission at the door, pushed against the butler's body and pushed past him through the hallway and into the dining room, where Mr. Morgan had just finished breakfast.

Mr. Morgan was shot through the groin.

Whether he was shot once or twice was not made clear. Two shots were fired by the assassin. One of these, shots, it was reported, cut through the fleshy part of the breast and passed out through the arm. Another report was that one of the shots went wild.



J. P. MORGAN  
Who was shot today by an unknown man, presumably a crank, at the Morgan estate on Long Island.

## SHOT ECHO OF WAR

Morgan's Activity for Allies Recalled by Financiers.

Great House Purchasing Agent for British Government.

New York, July 3.—When the news of the shooting of Mr. Morgan reached financial circles in New York, the question was raised as to whether the financier's activities in connection with European war had anything to do with the motive of the attack upon him.

The house of J. P. Morgan & Co. is the purchasing agent of the British government for munitions and supplies bought in this country. It was only this morning that the announcement had been made prominently in New York newspapers of details of a plan of a group of bankers, of which Mr. Morgan was one of the leaders, for the flotation in this country of \$100,000,000 of the new British war loans.

In March, last, Morgan crossed the ocean on a mission which he himself did not disclose, but which was generally supposed to be the arranging of credits in this country for the powers at war with Germany.

Agency Arrangement Criticized.

The arrangement under which the Morgan firm was appointed commercial agent of the British government in the United States during the war was widely criticized. On the one hand, it has not met with satisfaction among a large number of American contractors for supplies. They complained that in some cases they were rivals of the Morgan firm in special lines of commerce. In England the criticism of the arrangement was carried into parliament and only yesterday it was debated there.

Scored as Interloper.

Lord Grimthorpe, a banker member of the house of lords, urged that Canada should have the preference in the order for shells and added that "One reason why more orders are not going to Canada is that the big shadow of an interloper stands between her and the government."

Earl Curzon, lord of the privy seal, replying to this speech, informed the house that the Morgan company was acting as British agent on a commission of only one per cent. Within the last forty-eight hours, he said, "I have seen testimony from the highest authority that the Morgan arrangement has assured us the highest efficiency and economy and has been most beneficial to both the government and the country."

## DALLAS HOME OF HOLT

Father-in-Law Bars Newspaper Men From Professor's Wife.

Dallas, Tex., July 3.—Presiding Elder O. F. Sensabaugh, of the Dallas district Methodist Episcopal church, said today he has a son-in-law named Frank Holt, whose present address is Mills hotel, Seventh avenue and Thirty-sixth street, New York City.

Mr. Sensabaugh said his son-in-law had been an instructor at Cornell and had been expected to come to Dallas in August as head of the Romance department of French in the Southwest-ern university at Dallas, which opens its doors for the first time this fall.

## STUPENDOUS WAR LOAN ENGINEERED BY MORGAN FIRM

Negotiations Between Bankers and London Reported Today.

Proceeds To Be Used in U. S. to Purchase Supplies.

SUM MAY BE \$300,000,000

Bonds Sold To Be Free From British Income Tax.

England Bids for Popularity of Paper in America.

New York, July 3.—Negotiations were reported today to be in progress between officials of the British treasury and a group of New York bankers, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., and others, for the flotation in this country of a \$100,000,000 British war loan.

Reports disagreed as to the nature of the proposed loan. In some sources it was described as a part of the Great Britain war loan of \$5,000,000,000, recently authorized, while in other quarters it was said that the loan to be floated here would be a separate one bearing an interest rate of five per cent.

It was understood the offering would be increased to possibly \$300,000,000, if the bonds were well received by American investors.

Intimations are said to have been received here that the British treasury will rule within a few days that for bonds sold outside of Great Britain shall be free of the British income tax. Unless this were done, it was said there could be little hope that the issue would be popular in America.

Proceeds of the loan, it is said, will be left in America to be drawn against by the British government in the purchase of war munitions, foodstuffs and other supplies in the United States.

It was the belief here that Henry P. Davison of J. P. Morgan & Co., who sailed for London some time ago, is working out the details of the proposed loan with British bankers.

## DUPONT COMPANY WINS

Appeals Court Sustains Victory in \$4,000,000 Law Suit.

Philadelphia, July 2.—The United States circuit court of appeals today affirmed the verdict rendered in the federal district court in the case of the Buckeye Powder company against the E. I. Dupont Powder company, Eastern Dynamite company and the International Smokeless Powder company, the action against the Dupont concerns being to recover \$4,000,000 for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Francis charged that the defendants stifled competition in the manufacture and sale of black blasting powder. A jury in the lower court had found for the defendants.

## HAS TROUBLE AT HOME

Congressman Anthony May Have Rival From Leavenworth.

First district Democrats have launched a boom for E. W. Crancer of Leavenworth for congress next year. Crancer was three times mayor of Leavenworth and because he is a resident of Congressman D. R. Anthony's home town, his supporters believe he would make a strong showing against Anthony in the election.

Crancer's geographical location is not all. There is a spirit of bitterness between Anthony and Crancer and nothing would afford Crancer more genuine comfort than to take the stump against the present congressman. Crancer has not as yet announced his candidacy.

## ADMITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CAPITOL EXPLOSION, AN HOUR BEFORE BLAST

Washington, July 3.—That the explosion which wrecked the reception room at the senate end of the national capitol last night was that of a bomb was conclusively proven today by the Washington Times' receipt of a letter mailed an hour and a half before the explosion occurred, announcing that the explosion would occur. After confessing responsibility for the act, the letter's author, who signed himself not in his own hand but on a typewriter, "R. Pearce," added: "This is the exclamation point in my plea for peace."

The letter was dated June 1, but was not mailed until Friday night, the writer had been in Washington for several days looking over the public buildings, undetermined in which one to place his "exclamation point."

It appeared that it was written before the senate was chosen for the purpose for the letter itself was typewritten while the word "senate" was scribbled in a blank space left for the word.

## BUSINESS WILL STAND STILL

Independence Day Will Be Given Up to Pleasure.

Offices, Stores and Shops to Shut Down Monday.

NO GENERAL CELEBRATION

Everybody and His Family to Follow Own Inclination.

Amusements at Parks and Ways for Getting There.

Rich man, poor man, beggarman, thief, doctor, lawyer, Indian chief—all, like Kipling's colonel's lady and her maid, will be the next of kin under the skin Monday, July 5, when a nation will take a holiday in observance of the day that John Hay took signed his name in big bold letters in order that King George would not be forced to don his spurs to see that he was one of the signers of an infant nation's independence ultimatum.

Monday Topeka's rich man will close his office and take his family for an auto ride in the country, or perhaps he will be a speaker on one of the numerous "sane Fourth" programs. The poor man will walk or play a game of checkers in the park or watch his children as they marvel at the amusements of the caged animals at the zoo. Even the beggar man will celebrate. Perhaps he will sit on one of the hard benches at the park and dream of better days while the band plays patriotic music.

## NOTE TO WILHELM

Reply to U. S. to Meet Most Optimistic Forecast.

Not to Give Up Plungers, but to Modify Warfare.

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN.

Berlin, July 3.—The German reply to the note from the United States regarding the submarine policy, is being received here with approval. It may be considered as representing the opinion of the whole German people regarding her submarine policy. During the time it was under construction by the foreign office and marine, several prominent German editors, bankers and business men were called in and asked to express their views. These, I am reliably informed, gave approval to the stand the imperial government takes.

The final draft as completed last night meets the most optimistic forecast. Those who saw the text informants today said that Germany is willing to safeguard the lives of neutrals crossing the ocean even aboard belligerent ships, if such vessels do not carry ammunition and do not use the American flag.

Germany will not give up her submarine policy, but she is willing to modify her methods to that extent.

## TO SPEAK AT WICHITA

Governor Capper Will Deliver Two Addresses Tomorrow.

## FIEND WHO TRIED TO BLAST CAPITOL STAYS IN HIDING

Reception Room on South Side Badly Wrecked by Bomb.

Washington Pushes Investigation Into Outrage.

EXPLOSION JARS BIG PILE

Strong Odor of Smoke Detected Following Report.

No One Is Hurt, but Guard Is Badly Shaken Up.

Washington, July 3.—Investigation was under way today to determine the cause of the terrific explosion which wrecked the public reception room on the senate side of the capitol last night.

While the exact cause of the blast could not be ascertained until after an expert inquiry had been made, it was generally believed to have been due to a bomb or infernal machine.

None of the force of employees of the capitol was on duty in that part of the building at the time of the explosion and no one was injured.

Piles of shattered plaster from the frescoed ceiling and walls, broken crystals from the big chandelier, pieces of the immense mirror glass, windows and splintered woodwork littered the floor early today. Glass was broken and part of the paneling smashed in the door opening from the reception hall into the lobby running along the rear of the chambers. A heavy door into the vice president's room, but which had not been opened for many years, was blown partly open by the force of the concussion, and the door leading into the room of the sergeant-at-arms, opposite, was damaged.

Explosion Heard Many Blocks.

The explosion was heard many blocks away and guards in all parts of the capitol and excited persons from some distance went running to see what had happened.

While no one was injured, Watchman Jones, who was seated at the senate entrance door beneath the wrecked room, was almost lifted from his chair by the force of the explosion. Watchmen in the far end of the building, a long city block away, thought the dome of the capitol was calling in or that some equally great catastrophe had occurred, not only was the force of the concussion which caused the building to tremble. Those who were early on the scene said there was a strong odor of smoke which persisted for some time, not only in the reception room, but in the adjoining rooms and hall.

Superintendent Woods declared if an explosive substance of any kind had been placed in the room, the guilty party had not intended any great damage to the building. The bomb was not large enough to damage the construction of the building.

## REPORTS LOST.

Details of Battle in Baltic Are Lost in Fog.

Germans' Mine Layer Albatross Encounters Disaster.

London, July 3.—Details of the naval battle between Russian and German cruisers in the Baltic yesterday, apparently were lost in the fog which enshrouded the scene of the engagement.

The official story of the action from Petrograd claims that a Russian cruiser squadron drove a German cruiser ashore, but all unofficial reports agreed that the vessel which met disaster was the mine layer Albatross. Petrograd claims that the German vessels retired before the Russian attack, while unofficial accounts of the engagement declare Russia's warships had to retire before superior numbers after a battle lasting half a day.

The submarines of the entente allies had their innings yesterday. From Athens it is reported that a Turkish troop ship was sunk in the sea of Marmora by a British submarine, while Petrograd claims a Russian submarine obtained a heavy bag of merchant ships in the Black sea.

London again has been encouraged by the report from General Sir Ian Hamilton, commander-in-chief of the British land forces operating against the Dardanelles, stating that the French troops also have advanced into the Anglo-French line on the Gallipoli peninsula is almost straight. This report is countered, however, by the claim from Constantinople that the British were forced back into their original positions.

Activity along the western front again has subsided with a check to the latest strong German attack made by the forces under the German crown prince in the Argonne.

The Austro-German armies are steadily advancing on the east front, with Field Marshal von Mackensen drawing near to Lublin, which might be termed one of the outlying defenses of Warsaw.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday, probably showers in west part of state Sunday with slowly rising temperature.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Brooklyn—First game—

Score: R. H. E.

New York . . . . . 1 5 0

Brooklyn . . . . . 2 5 0

Batteries—Stroud and Meyers; Smith and McCarty.

## TRAIN THROUGH TRESTLE; MANY BELIEVED DEAD

Frightful Accident Forty Miles South of Seattle.

Three Coaches Plunge to Death in Ravine.

TAKE VICTIMS FROM DEBRIS

Meager Advices Tell of St. Paul Road Horror.

Officials at Seattle Know Little of Disaster.

Tacoma, Wash., July 3.—A Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul passenger train fell through a trestle near Rainier, 20 miles south of this city this morning. Many persons are reported killed.

All coaches except one of the train leaving Tacoma at 8:30 a. m., for Grays Harbor, broke through an overhead trestle of the Northern Pacific track half a mile from Rainier, about 9 o'clock and fell on a freight train passing beneath. The dead and dying are reported being carried to Rainier.

Seattle, Wash., July 3.—Train No. 115, on the Grays Harbor division of the Milwaukee railroad, which left Seattle for Hoquiam, at 7:20 o'clock this morning, was wrecked near Rainier, 40 miles south of Tacoma. The general office of the Milwaukee is without details of the extent of the accident. The train was composed of three cars.

Among the known dead is Louis E. Bradeen, Seattle, contracting freight agent of the Milwaukee road. Mrs. Bradeen was badly injured.

## OROZCO ESCAPES!

Mexican Evades Six Men Guarding El Paso House.

Authorities Hope to Intercept Fugitive at Border.

El Paso, July 3.—Fascual Orozco, who with General Huerta has been under surveillance of United States authorities, appears to have disappeared.

He is not in his house where six men have been guarding him. He has not yet abandoned hope of recapturing him, if he attempts to escape across the border to Mexico.

## TO OLD FAMILIAR AIRS

K. C., Kansas, Prisoners Tried to Saw Way to Liberty.

Kansas City, Mo., July 3.—Under Sheriff John Wolfe was seated in front of the Wyandotte county jail, Kansas City, Kan., Friday night when oft-repeated strains of old time hymns floated out from between the bars. Wolfe crept to the side of the jail to listen. The sharp scrape of a saw against steel was audible between bars of the song.

During a pause in the concert, he heard a prisoner inquiring: "I've arched with a window with its soft iron bar between the prisoners and liberty."

At which "Rock of Ages" was added to the repertoire. Wolfe entered the cell from where the songs emanated and found ten saws and two knives. One bar had been sawed through with only a window with its soft iron bar between the prisoners and liberty.

Several alleged murderers are in the jail.

## CHICAGO'S SANEST 4TH

Dealers Selling Fireworks or Explosives Will Be Punished.

Chicago, July 3.—Chicago's celebration of the 4th of July will be the sanest in history, it was indicated today, as a result of a police order regarding a display of fireworks. Persons discharging a revolver or other explosives are liable to arrest and the display of fireworks is prohibited unless a special permit has been granted.

Dealers selling fireworks or explosives will be punished.

The Grace Episcopal church of Oak Park, a suburb, will have a unique celebration. A brass band will supercede the drone of a pipe organ, patriotic songs will be sung instead of the customary hymns and every person who attends will be presented with a small American flag.

BASEBALL TODAY.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

St. Louis at Cincinnati—game postponed; rain.

At Philadelphia—First game: R. H. E. Boston . . . . . 1 5 1 Philadelphia . . . . . 4 10 0 Batteries—Rudolph, Davis and Gowdy; Rixey and Killifer.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Columbus at Cleveland—game postponed; rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Boston—First game—

Score: R. H. E.

Philadelphia . . . . . 7 15 2 Boston . . . . . 3 7 2 Batteries: Crowell and Lapp; Collins, Leonard and Thomas.

## COAL LINES WIN FIGHT WITH U. S.

Government Loses Action to Dissolve Reading Company.

Court Rules Against Separating Jersey Central and Reading.

ANTI-TRUST ACT HIT AGAIN

Washington Held Issue One of Greatest Importance.

Defendants Control 63 Per Cent of Unmined Coal.

Philadelphia, July 3.—The United States district court today rendered a decision in favor of the defendant in the government suit to dissolve the Reading company and to separate the New Jersey Central from the Reading. The suit of the government against the Reading company and allied corporations is probably the most important step the department of justice has taken in its attack upon what it contends is a monopoly in the anthracite trade. In 1907 the government filed a suit against all the anthracite carrying railroads and affiliated coal companies charging that a general illegal combination existed among them. This charge was not sustained by the supreme court but the government won two other material points in that suit. It then decided to take action against many of the companies in separate suits. The case against the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad and its allied coal company and that against the Lehigh Valley railroad and the coal companies affiliated with it are now in the federal courts.

Filed in 1913.

The suit against the Reading was filed in September, 1913. The defendants are: The Reading company, a holding corporation. The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company. The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company. The Central Railroad company of New Jersey.

The Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation company. Washington and Northern Railroad company. Lehigh and Hudson River Railway company. Lehigh and New England Railroad company.

George F. Baker, Edward T. Stotesbury, Henry C. Frick, Peter A. B. Widener, Daniel Willard, Henry P. McKean and Samuel Dickson, directors of the Reading company, who are also directors in one or more of the other companies controlled by the Reading.

Generally stated the objects of the suit decided today were to dissolve what the government declared to be a combination of competitive producers, shippers, carriers and carriers of anthracite held together, it was alleged, in violation of the federal anti-trust act through the Reading company, which has a capitalization of \$27,000,000, to control an alleged contributory combination between two of such competitive producers, shippers, sellers and carriers and to re-

## IT WILL BE WARMER.

A Rise in Temperature Is Promised for Sunday.

The weather is still cool but it seems to have become settled and this morning the sun was shining "brough scattered" f good clouds. The prospect is for a sunny day tomorrow and the forecast says that there will be a slight rise in temperature. The lowest temperature last night was 55 and the highest in the twenty-four hours was 70. Last night's low mark was within 1 degree of the coldest on record for this date. Four years ago the temperature was 104 degrees.

Scattered showers fell in the state last night and the indications are that there will be some moisture tomorrow. The weather bureau says, however, that rain will miss Shawnee county. The stage of the river this morning was 14.3 feet, a fall of 1.7 feet since yesterday morning.

The weather will warm up slowly tonight and though it will not be enough to help the corn it will be a change from the summer resort variety of temperature we have been experiencing. The forecast reads: Partly cloudy, with probably showers in the west portion of the state tonight and Sunday; slightly warmer tonight according to report received this morning by the local weather bureau, a rain of 2.48 inches fell at Goodland Thursday night. The sky was not entirely clear here until some time tonight or tomorrow.

Following are the hourly temperature readings for the day:

7 o'clock . . . . . 63 11 o'clock . . . . . 74  
8 o'clock . . . . . 66 12 o'clock . . . . . 74  
9 o'clock . . . . . 70 1 o'clock . . . . . 74  
10 o'clock . . . . . 72 2 o'clock . . . . . 76

## MAN PROPOSES AND GOD DISPOSES, HE WIRES WIFE

Glencove, L. I., July 3.—The prisoner sent this afternoon by the railroad to Mrs. Frank Holt, 101 Marcellis street, Dallas, Tex., who, he said, was his wife: "Man proposes, God disposes, don't come here until you get my letter. Be strong. "FRANK"

## SHOOT MORGAN BECAUSE HE WANTS TO END WAR

Glencove, L. I., July 3.—F. Holt, who shot J. P. Morgan, when questioned by Justice of the peace of Glencove, said: "I am a Christian gentleman."

He told the justice he had no quarrel with Mr. Morgan personally, but felt that the time had come for the war to end. It was becoming more and more unbearable, he said, and it was his firm belief that he should go to Mr. Morgan and ask him to end it. This he knew Mr. Morgan could accomplish, because of his great influence. "I wanted to see Mr. Morgan to reason with him," the man said, "I have nothing against him."

## SPRING-RICE SEES IT.

New York, July 3.—The British ambassador to the United States, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, was a guest at the Morgan home and witnessed the shooting of J. P. Morgan today.