



PROMINENT FIGURES IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE CITY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY.



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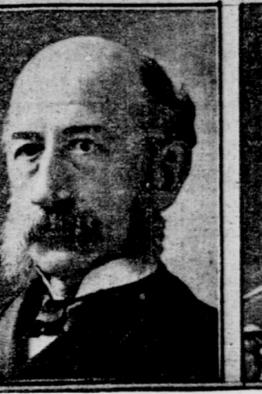
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ARCHBISHOP JOHN M. FARLEY. (Photograph by Rockwood.)

TURKEY'S BAD FAITH. REFORMS NOT IN FORCE.

Tax Collectors Busy—Trying to Goad Bulgaria Into War.

Special to The New-York Tribune by French Cable. (Copyright, 1903, by The Tribune Association.) Salonica, via London, May 25.—The oldtime Turkish tax collectors whom the reformers promised to abolish are again making their rounds. This is startling intelligence for many reasons. The officials had agreed that the reforms should be in operation before the next crop could be harvested, and it was assumed that the collectors had conducted their last campaign of extortion. There may be pretenses for the general arrest of Bulgarians of all sorts and conditions throughout Macedonia, but there is no justification for the exaction of a portion of the harvest before the tax gatherer or the peasant can tell what its value will be, and the resumption of the old practice is contrary to the scheme of reforms demanded by the powers and guaranteed by the Turkish Government. One lira from each man is required and one piastre for each cow (two and three-quarters pounds) of seed. If the Bulgarian farmer has no money an increased proportion of seed is taken from him and sold to the peasants at a lower price for cash. Long rows of women, advancing like a skirmish line, are sowing seed in the fields throughout Macedonia. The men are either in prison or in the mountains, and few are to be seen among the workers in the fields.

While the taxes are levied before the seed is scattered, the Turkish officials have no faith in gathering a harvest this year. Their exactors are proof that the reforms have gone by the board; that neither the powers nor the Turkish ministers are interested in the scheme of pacification, and that attention is centered upon the gathering war cloud. The swarming of troops into Macedonia continues, and the armaments are involving heavy expenditures, which will break the Turk's back even if peace is maintained. The disbandment of the mobilized forces cannot take place for a year, and this will reduce the government to financial straits and involve the necessity of an attempt to introduce reforms which already have been proved impracticable.

An outbreak of war is regarded by the Turks as the only solution of the troublesome situation. They expect to march over the mountains into Sofia as easily as they sauntered through Northern Greece. Unprejudiced judges who have a knowledge of both the armies and the physical conditions of the country are confident that there must be three times as many Turks as Bulgarians if the invaders can ever hope to cross the successive mountain ranges and to enter the Bulgarian capital.

The Turks profess to be ready to begin the war. The entrance to Austria is blocked with troops. There are 125,000 soldiers in Macedonia ready to march into Bulgaria, and as many more bashibazouks, who are eager to rise and slaughter the Christians.

The Turkish Government has been goading Bulgaria, as Greece was harassed not long ago, into a declaration of hostilities, and the officials affect to believe that the Servians and Greeks will unite with the Porte in a campaign against the principality.

There is a current but incredible theory at Salonica that the authorities knew about the plot against the Ottoman Bank long in advance, but permitted it to be carried out for the sake of securing the support of public opinion against the Bulgarians. They have profited by the opportunity for imprisoning without a protest from any quarter all able-bodied Bulgarians in Macedonia who might rise in revolt if there were a campaign against the principality.

MACEDONIAN LEADER KILLED.

Death of Delitchiff May Seriously Affect the Revolutionary Movement. London, May 25.—The Times's correspondent at Sofia has received trustworthy information that Delitchiff, the famous chief of the Macedonian revolutionary movement, was killed in the destruction of the village of Banitz, near Seres, by the Turks. His death, erroneously reported previously, says the correspondent, may temporarily paralyze the movement.

NEGROES STILL ENSLAVED THERE.

United States Grand Jury Indicts Alabama White Man for Selling a Black. (By Telegram to the Tribune.) Mobile, Ala., May 25.—The grand jury of the United States Court, at Montgomery, has found a true bill against Robert N. Franklin, a prominent white citizen of Goodwater, Ala., charged with having sold one "Joe" Patterson, an ignorant negro, to one J. W. Rice, a wealthy landowner of Tallapoosa County, into a condition of peonage or involuntary servitude.

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ACCUSED OF TAKING A BRIBE.

D. V. MILLER SUMMARILY DISMISSED FROM THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Assistant Attorney Arrested—Warrant Out for an Indiana Lawyer—Further Sensational Disclosures Expected.

(By Telegram to the Tribune.) Washington, May 25.—The first arrest as a result of the current investigation into the postal scandals occurred to-night, when a warrant was served on Daniel V. Miller, assistant attorney in the office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department, and an appointee of ex-Assistant Attorney General Tyner. Miller is charged with having accepted a bribe approximating \$5,000 in consideration of rendering a decision on December 10, 1902, favorable to John J. Ryan & Co., a turf investment concern of St. Louis.

Miller was taken to the City Hall to-night and placed under arrest by a deputy marshal. He waived examination and was released on \$1,000 bonds for appearance at court in Cincinnati next fall. The warrant, it was said late to-night, charges conspiracy instead of bribery, as first reported. A warrant on the same charge has been issued for the arrest of Joseph M. Johns, a lawyer of Rockville, Parke County, Ind. Word of his arrest was received to-night.

At the office of the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department it is declared that conclusive evidence of Miller's guilt has been secured. Miller was summarily dismissed from office to-day by Postmaster General Payne.

Mr. Payne announced the latest development in the investigation this afternoon in the following statement:

Daniel V. Miller, assistant attorney in the office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department, is charged with accepting a bribe for a decision in connection with a case before the department, involving the fraudulent use of the mails by John J. Ryan & Co. The case has been in the hands of Inspectors W. J. Vickery, of Cincinnati, and R. M. Fulton, of St. Louis, for some days. Complaint was made by Inspector Fulton before a United States Commissioner in Cincinnati on Saturday and a warrant was issued. Inspector Fulton arrived here yesterday, and this morning exhibited the papers to District Attorney Beach.

OTHER ARRESTS TO FOLLOW. Mr. Payne said this statement was all that could be told at present, in view of the fact that the case is now before the judicial authorities. He added that there would be another arrest immediately. The man, he said, is outside of the department. He declined to say what explanatory statement had been made by Miller.

It will be remembered that some weeks ago an indefinite leave of absence was granted to Mr. Christy, Assistant Attorney General under Judge Tyner, pending the completion of the investigation, and Mr. Robb, an attorney of the Department of Justice, was put in charge. Since that time the investigation has been prosecuted with the utmost energy.

Miller's arrest, according to the postoffice authorities, will be followed by several others in the near future.

Other cases under investigation promise the most sensational disclosures. The extreme delicacy of these cases and the necessity of securing positive evidence before it is known who is under investigation or suspicion render it impossible for the Postmaster General to disclose the progress of the investigation in this direction.

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Miller came here from Terre Haute, Ind., about two years ago. The charge against him has been under investigation for three months. Inspectors have been quietly at work on the case, and action was delayed so they might get together all the papers and evidence which in their opinion were necessary. Inspector Vickery at Cincinnati, and Inspector Fulton, at St. Louis, were put in full charge of the case recently. A complaint was made by Inspector Fulton before a United States Commissioner in Cincinnati on Saturday, and a warrant was then issued for Miller and the other man. Inspector Fulton immediately came to Washington, while another inspector went west from Cincinnati to make the closer arrest. Fulton to-day exhibited the papers in the case to United States District Attorney Beach. Miller was at his desk all day yesterday. He was called into the office of Assistant Attorney General Robb shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon, and informed of his immediate dismissal and the steps which had been taken. He was allowed to draw his salary, and to have been placed in the office of the Assistant Attorney General, where the inspectors were in waiting.

FAVORED BY DECISIONS.

The Ryan company was the beneficiary under a decision of the Assistant Attorney General of the Postoffice Department, made several months ago, after the decision in the Arnold case, and in practically the same terms as that decision. These decisions declared the concerns named to be free to use the mails. The Arnold decision, it is said, was signed by Assistant Attorney General Tyner, and the Ryan decision by George A. C. Christy, the law clerk of the department, who was the Acting Assistant Attorney General on account of Judge Tyner's illness. Mr. Christy was at the department to-day on a summons and was closely examined regarding the Ryan case.

It is said that the amount offered to Miller as a bribe was in the form of a cash payment, followed by a check. This payment is alleged to have been placed in the office of the law clerk, who was to be paid in the future. Miller probably will give bail for his appearance at that time. The penalty for the offense is prescribed in Section 5,901 of the Revised Statutes, which says that "every officer of the United States, and every person acting for or on behalf of the United States in any official capacity under or by virtue of the authority of any department or office of the government, who asks, accepts or receives any money or any contract, promise, undertaking, obligation, gratuity or security for the payment of money, or for the law, favor or convenience of any thing of value, with intent to have his decision or action on any question, matter, cause or proceeding which may at any time be pending or which may hereafter be brought before him in his official capacity, or in his place of trust or profit, influenced thereby, shall be punished by a fine not more than three times the amount asked or accepted and by imprisonment not more than three years."

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NARROW ESCAPE OF HEIRESS. Florence Blythe Moore and Her Husband in Automobile Wreck. Chicago, May 25.—A dispatch to "The Tribune" from San Francisco says that Florence Blythe, who inherited a \$4,000,000 estate from her father after a sensational fifteen year suit in San Francisco courts, has narrowly escaped death with her husband, A. A. Moore, Jr., and his sister, in an automobile accident near Oakland. The tire of one of the rear wheels blew up while the machine was going at a speed of thirty-five miles an hour. Mr. Moore threw himself out of the car, and the heavy machine swerved to the right, but righted itself for an instant and then upset. Mr. Moore and his wife and sister were pinned under the wreck of the automobile. The high seat backs prevented all three from being crushed.

NEW YORK FOR LUNCHEON. Chicago for breakfast, after a delightful ride, 98 miles in 2 1/2 hours, on the train of the century—New York Central's 20th Century Limited.—Adv.

WHY NOT COLORADO? Why not go to Colorado this summer? Mountains to climb, fish to catch and air that fairly tingles with health. Low rates from Chicago after June 1. Information at Rock Island office, 40 Broadway or 25th St. and 6th Ave.—Adv.

THE PENNSYLVANIA LIMITED. Quickened schedule; 23 hours to Chicago. Leaves New York 10:25 A. M. daily.—Adv.

DECORATION DAY TRIPS. From Friday (10 Monday) to Delaware Water Gap, Mount Pocono, Lake Hopatcong and other resorts on Lackawanna Railroad. One fare for round trip on Saturdays at 42, 1.18 Broadway.—Adv.

KILLED AND HURT NINETEEN.

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Public Opinion Roused by the Number of Accidents, and the Action of M. Combes and the Spanish Government Generally Approved.

BLOW TO AUTO RACING.

Protests Pouring In—W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr.'s, Narrow Escape.

(Special to The New-York Tribune by French Cable.) (Copyright, 1903, by The Tribune Association.) Paris, May 25.—The Paris-Madrid automobile race, the first stage of which was marked with such terrible accidents, will probably be the last ever permitted in France over national thoroughfares. Public opinion is now thoroughly aroused, and earnest protests are showering in at the Ministry of the Interior from districts all along the route. It is estimated that nearly two million spectators lined the road from Versailles to Bordeaux yesterday, and the route is now dotted with the wrecks of motor cars. The French officials are firmly resolved not to allow such scenes of wanton carnage to be repeated. It is considered a death knell to motor car road racing.

Among the accidents should be noted the extremely narrow escape of William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., who was going at full speed near Chartres when suddenly the head of the cylinder of his motor blew out. The huge piece of metal flew up at an angle of forty-five degrees, passing over Mr. Vanderbilt's head within two inches of his skull. It was almost literally a hair-breadth escape from death. Mr. Vanderbilt appeared cool and plucky. He sustained no injury whatever. C. I. B.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S ACTION. Contests May Be Continued at Reduced Speed—Excitement at Madrid. Madrid, May 25.—The Spanish Government has prohibited the continuance of the Paris-Madrid automobile race in Spain. The automobilists may cross the frontier, but they are to be considered simple excursionists and must travel at reduced speed.

The news of the accidents to the contestants made a deep impression here. The Royal Automobile Club is exhibiting bulletins on a large transparency, which the public is anxiously watching. The competitors in the tourist section of the race, who are arriving here, are received with sympathy, and there was a great demand for tickets to the stands to witness the finish of the speed race.

The action of the French Government in stopping the speed contest is generally approved. The "Imparcial" blames the government for not taking steps to obtain official bulletins of the accidents, and describes the men killed as "martyrs in the cause of commercial enterprise."

SURGEON JUST ESCAPES.

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