

GUARDING OUR SHIPS AT RIO

POLICE CHIEF TELLS OF ANARCHIST PLOT TO DESTROY THEM.

Warnings Sent From Washington and Paris—Detectives Searching for Head of Alleged Conspiracy Against Admiral Evans's Fleet—Safety Guaranteed.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 19.—Alarmist despatches were cabled to American newspapers this afternoon on the authority of the Chief of Police here, stating that an anarchist plot had been discovered to destroy some of the American warships now in the harbor here.

The chief of police says he expects to make arrests in Sao Paulo and possibly in the capital to-morrow or Tuesday. He adds that the Government at Washington knows the facts of the conspiracy, which was hatched in Europe.

The truth is the Brazilian Government received information of the plot before the arrival of the fleet and at once took means to frustrate it. One of the means adopted was the sweeping of the harbor at night with searchlights in order to detect any attempt to plant mines. This was kept up for several nights.

When the fleet arrived here the Government immediately notified Rear-Admiral Evans and suggested that precautions be taken on all the ships to prevent the plotters from succeeding in their dastardly intention. It will be recalled that after the fleet was anchored Brazilian launches were detailed to patrol about the American vessels, and it is now known that this was a measure of precaution adopted by the Government to prevent any overt act by the anarchists.

An investigation into the affair, which is pending, reveals that some of the men named as being implicated in the plot are dead, while others are of the highest respectability. They are residents of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

The general belief is that the whole affair is probably a hoax, and that the chief of police became overexcited. Rear Admiral Evans authorizes the correspondent of THE SUN to cable the following statement:

"I have learned from the Brazilian police authorities unofficially that certain suspected anarchists proposed to make some demonstration, not necessarily against the American fleet. For fear of accident more than intent the necessary precautions were taken aboard the vessels to prevent trouble or damage, such as would have been taken, in fact have been taken many times in our own ports, to meet just such threats.

"Similar precautions always will be taken as long as the present conditions of efficiency in the navy exist as part of the routine of our profession and nothing more. The Brazilian Government has managed the entire matter admirably and has promptly taken every precaution to preserve the sanctity of the port of Rio de Janeiro.

"Among all the names mentioned none is Japanese. From present appearances the entire matter is a hoax, without the slightest foundation in fact."

The following is the text of a note which the chief of police gave out officially to-day: "Some time before the arrival of the American fleet at Rio de Janeiro the Brazilian Government received from Washington and Paris advices that anarchists of different nationalities intended to damage one or several of the ships of the American squadron. The names and addresses of the conspirators were indicated by information which the police here had received previously from France and Germany.

"The police of the district are working with the police of Sao Paulo and Minas Geras and I am sure every precaution will be exercised and the most rigorous vigilance observed both on land and sea to prevent any injury being done."

"The chief did not care to go into details, but he did say that the principal mover in the plot was an anarchist named Jean Fedher, who has been living in Petropolis, and that he has been working with some foreigners to bring about the destruction of some of Admiral Evans's vessels. The Rio de Janeiro police sent a detective who is said to know Fedher very well to Sao Paulo, whether the anarchist is reported to have fled.

The detective, the chief of police says, was connected with the police department of Petropolis and in that way came to know Fedher. He returned here this morning and notified the chief that the San Paulo department was on the track of the man and was confident of arresting him in a short time; at all events he will not be allowed to come to this city until after the battleship fleet has departed.

The story of the plot has not been made public here yet and it is believed that when it becomes known the populace will deeply resent it. The chief of police says there is no occasion for the people of the United States having any fear. He believes the conspirators have been widely scattered and he gives assurances that it would be extremely difficult, because of the precautions taken, for any vessel in the fleet to come to harm through the plot.

CHARLES EMORY SMITH DEAD

WIFE OF PHILADELPHIA EDITOR FINDS HIS BODY

On Returning From Early Church Service—Heart Disease Cause of Death—Had Been Ill Since Last Autumn—Career as Editor, Diplomat and Cabinet Officer.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—Charles Emory Smith, editor of the Philadelphia Press, formerly Postmaster-General and former Minister to Russia, died suddenly and alone this morning in his home, 2008 Spruce street.

Death was due directly to myocarditis, which is an inflammation of the muscular part of the heart. The left side of the heart was found to be greatly dilated. Mrs. Smith had gone to church and returned shortly after 9 o'clock. She went to her husband's room and found his body, still warm, lying across the bed. He had been dressing when the fatal seizure came. Medical aid was summoned immediately, but death had come before Mrs. Smith entered the room.

Mr. Smith had not been well since the evening of November 30, when he attended a dinner given by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Last night Dr. J. Nicholas Michaels was summoned to treat him for what was then believed to be nothing more than acute indigestion.

Charles Emory Smith was born in Mansfield, Conn., February 18, 1842, the son of E. M. Smith, of old New England stock. He got his early education in the village school at Mansfield, and later at Albany, N. Y., where his father moved when Mr. Smith was 7 years old. He graduated from the high school at Albany, taught in that school for a short time and then entered Union College with the class of '61.

Immediately upon his graduation Mr. Smith followed his ambition to enter the newspaper field and got a small place on the Albany Express, then the chief supporting organ in Albany of Gov. Fenton. Passing through the apprentice stage of newspaper work very rapidly the young man severed his connection with the Express in 1865, after he had become one of its editors, and assumed the position of editor-in-chief of the Journal, with an interest in the paper.

It was in his capacity of director of the policy of this paper that Mr. Smith began to take a large part in State politics. The Journal was at that time known as the "State paper"; it carried that title on its front sheet and a large part of its business property was due to the exclusive contracts it held for the State printing. As editor of the paper Mr. Smith began to be a power in State conventions, and it was he who wrote State platforms for Republican conventions for several successive years until 1880, when he refused to write the New York State platform advocating a third term for President Grant.

It was at this time that Mr. Smith became a close friend both of James G. Blaine and Roscoe Conkling. At the time of their quarrel he took no sides and succeeded in retaining the friendship of both. He once said that Conkling had many times offered him his choice of political preferment in the shape of a seat in Congress or a high place in the State administration, but that his interests were all wrapped up in the conduct of his newspaper and he desired no office.

When in 1876 Blaine tried to get the support of Mr. Smith and the Journal for his candidacy for the Presidency he had to decline on the score of his party affiliations, which were at that time all with Conkling and the organic branch of the regular Republican party in the State. Because the strife between Blaine and Conkling made the position of the Journal somewhat precarious and because of the inducement of superior opportunities, Mr. Smith decided in 1880 to accept the place of editor of the Philadelphia Press.

The activity he had displayed in New York State politics and in national affairs—he was a delegate to the national convention in 1876—gave Mr. Smith a prominent political standing in Philadelphia. He became a delegate to the national Republican convention in 1888 and had a large hand in the drafting of the platform there adopted. He did not lose interest in national New York politics during the first ten years of his incumbency of the editorial chair on the Press.

In 1890 Blaine brought his influence to bear upon President Harrison to select Mr. Smith to fill the post of Minister to Russia after the editor of the Press had himself gone to Washington to urge the appointment of President Harrison to the University of Pennsylvania to the same post. President Benjamin Harrison gave Mr. Smith the St. Petersburg mission, a position which he held for two years. Then he returned to take up his editorial work.

In 1898 when Postmaster-General Gary resigned from President McKinley's Cabinet the President offered the portfolio to Mr. Smith and he accepted the office. He resigned from the Cabinet December 17, 1901, and within a few months he became involved in the Post Office scandal that centered about the names of George W. Beavers and A. W. Machen and the mail pouch and patent letter box contracts. Postmaster-General Payne, who succeeded Mr. Smith, received a report from Seymour W. Tulloch, who had been dismissed from the position of cashier of the Washington, D. C., post office, charging Mr. Smith with having suppressed an investigation into the affairs of First Assistant Postmaster-General Perry Heath's office.

This drew an angry reply to Tulloch from the former head of the Post Office Department. It was not until the investigation ordered by President Roosevelt into the whole subject of alleged post office irregularities had been completed that the bitterness of charge and recrimination between the editor of the Press and some of the prominent people at Washington died down.

After his retirement from the Cabinet Mr. Smith led an active editorial life up to the time of his death. He made frequent appearances as a public speaker and he was more than once a confidential visitor to the White House.

Mr. Smith was twice married. His first wife, who was Ella Huntley of Albany, he married June 30, 1863. She died at Block Island, R. I., August 10, 1906. Mr. Smith married Miss Henrietta Nichols, daughter of Mrs. Washington Thomas Nichols of New York, at Long Branch on October 8, 1907.

ELECTION MURDER IN ENGLAND.

Fierce Riots Follow Unionist Victory in Devon—Suffragettes Mailed.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 19.—Serious rioting followed the announcement of the result of the poll in Mid-Devonshire yesterday to fill a vacancy in the House of Commons. The Conservatives won the seat and a mob of angry Liberal rowdies at Newton-Abbot sought revenge for the party's defeat and attacked peaceable Unionists on the streets.

They besieged the Unionist Club, smashed the windows with stones and partially wrecked the interior. Many persons were injured, and several of them were taken to the hospital.

Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Martell, notorious suffragettes, took part in the election in opposition to Mr. Buxton, the Liberal candidate. They were recognized by the infuriated crowd and were hustled and pelted with stones and eggs. Finally they were knocked down and kicked. The opportunity of the police was the only thing that saved their lives.

Early this morning the body of Sergeant-Major Rendell, one of the most active of the Unionists, was found in a mill stream near Newton-Abbot. Marks of violence were found on it, which led to the belief that he was the victim of foul play.

ENFORCING THE EXCISE.

Seventy-one Arrests in Brooklyn, Which Is a Big Jump, and 93 Here. First Deputy Police Commissioner W. F. Baker's second Sunday in command of the Brooklyn police was marked by a big jump in the number of excise arrests. The usual number has been below twenty, but there were seventy-one yesterday, nearly evenly divided among the various precincts.

In Manhattan there were ninety-three arrests, about twenty more than on the previous Sunday.

LAKE SHORE LIMITED HALTED.

Broken Rail Sends One of the Steepers Farly Off the Track. A sleeping car on the Lake Shore Limited, one of the crack trains of the New York Central, was partially derailed last night ten miles south of Albany, near Styvesant.

No one was hurt, but the passengers received a severe jolting. They were transferred to another train and the northbound tracks were blocked for over an hour.

The train, known officially as No. 19, left the Grand Central at 5:30 P. M., made up of a dining car, buffet and seven sleepers, all of which were well filled. It was running at good speed when the rear trucks of the third sleeping car left the tracks and the car began to lurch and bang along the ties. Those who had retired early came out into the aisle hurriedly, while the other passengers made for the doors.

The train was brought to a stop and the passengers were allowed to get out. It was found that a broken rail had caused the accident.

A wrecking train was sent for from Albany, arriving at 10 o'clock. Another train was made up and those in the derailed car were sent on to Albany. The rest of the train was switched to another track and after an hour's wait also went on.

TELLS AN ODD TALE IN JAIL.

Ex-Employee of Howard Gould Says Strange Men Kept Him Drunk. A man who said that he was Thomas Duffy and that he with his wife had been at one time employed by Howard Gould at the latter's bachelor apartment, 111 West Forty-third street, was arraigned in the night court last night after he had asked the police of the Church street station to arrest him. He admitted that he had been drinking hard and seemed pleased when the Magistrate ordered him locked up for five days.

After going to the Jefferson market prison Duffy said that although he knew nothing about the Gould divorce case and had made an affidavit to that effect to a detective agency interested in the case he was continually followed by men he didn't know who insisted upon buying drinks for him.

He said that he had not seen his wife since December 2, when he was called away from home on a fool's errand and returned to find the rooms, which his wife had occupied as Mr. Gould's housekeeper, deserted and even the furniture gone. He had been unable to get any trace of his family, he said, although he had been informed that they were all right.

He declared that the detectives seemed afraid that he would influence the testimony of his wife who, he said, would be one of the witnesses for Mr. Gould.

BANK ROBBERS' STRANGE STORY.

Says Sonambulistic Prankster Unlocked Door and Gave Safe Combination. JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 19.—A strange confession was made to-day to A. F. Thomson, president of the National Bank of Matrisburg, by James Harper and W. T. Smith, expert safe blowers, brought back from Seattle, where they were caught after a long search by the bank and private officers. Harper says the bank president walked in on him in his sleep. He and Smith watched the bank for several nights, he says, and frequently saw Thomson enter, using his door key.

MAY GET BRYAN TO WITHDRAW

LEADING DEMOCRATS IN A MOVEMENT WITH THAT END IN VIEW.

All Voted for Bryan in His Two Unsuccessful Campaigns—Will Tell Him Frankly When He Visits Washington Next Saturday That He Should Get Out.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The movement among prominent Democrats to induce William Jennings Bryan to withdraw as a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination has taken such shape that important developments will not be delayed long. It has been the purpose of those engaged in this movement to confine its personnel to Democrats who have supported Mr. Bryan in his two campaigns for the Presidential office, so that they would be prepared to show the Nebraska man that they were actuated by a purpose to help the party and not by motives of enmity toward him.

There is much anxiety on the part of those concerned in the movement lest the impression should be given that they are endeavoring to "eliminate" Mr. Bryan against his will. On the contrary, they insist that unless Mr. Bryan agrees to retire voluntarily from the field the movement will not be continued. Should Mr. Bryan agree to withdraw it will be coupled with assurances from the promoters of the movement that they desire to nominate a man for President who will have Mr. Bryan's hearty support in the forthcoming campaign.

Mr. Bryan will be in Washington next Saturday, and it is the intention of those Democrats who believe that the interests of the party will be served by the nomination of another leader to tell him frankly the views of the situation. This will bring matters to a head. It is desired in Democratic political circles that Mr. Bryan has made inquiries about the movement, and while not making any definite statement as to his intentions has intimated that if any considerable number of his friends among prominent Democrats think he should surrender the leading place to some one else he will comply cheerfully.

It is very evident that the feeling is growing among Democrats that Mr. Bryan may consent not to run for President. Supporters of Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota and Judson Harmon of Ohio are encouraged over the outlook, and the Johnson workers at least are making an active campaign to bring to the attention of the Democratic party the qualifications of their man. Mr. Bryan, according to a report not yet confirmed, has indicated that he would regard Gov. Johnson as a suitable candidate of the Democracy for President, and it is asserted that he mentioned Gov. Hoke Smith of Georgia and Senator Charles A. Culberson of Texas as equally satisfactory to him.

It is significant that the opponents of Taft in the Republican party and those who are fighting Bryan in the Democratic camp are looking to New York for encouragement. Men identified with the Knox and Cannon booms desire greatly that Gov. Hughes shall change his attitude toward the Republican Presidential nomination. While they are convinced that the New York Governor will not become an active contender for party honors, they are hopeful that he will not discontinue the formation of a live organization in his behalf. It is regarded as highly important, if Secretary of War Taft is to be headed off, that friends of Gov. Hughes shall identify themselves with the proposed coalition of candidates against Taft.

Information has been received in Washington that strong and influential men in New York look with favor on the candidacy of Gov. Johnson. They are said to be willing to help further his campaign, and that steps to this end will be taken in the near future.

A poll of the House of Representatives recently made showed that there is great opposition among Democratic members of that body to the nomination of Mr. Bryan. While the Peerless Leader was first choice among the majority of the Democratic members more than a third of those polled were opposed to him.

The statement is made here that while Secretary Taft now occupies the centre of the stage in the Republican party effective work is being done for Knox, Cannon, Fairbanks and La Follette. The managers of La Follette claim that he will have 222 votes on the first ballot and that this block of delegates, together with those lined up behind favorite sons and scattering votes for other candidates besides Taft, absolutely discredits a report recently emanating from Administration quarters that the next Republican convention will meet only to ratify the choice of President Roosevelt.

EXPECT BRYAN IN KENTUCKY.

He's Going to Frankfort to Help Boost Gov. Beckham into the U. S. Senate. FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 19.—William Jennings Bryan is expected to visit this city next Tuesday morning to urge the Democrats in the Kentucky Legislature to elect Gov. Beckham to the United States Senate. The visit of Mr. Bryan to the Capitol at this time is entirely on his own initiative, as he has seen through the press despatches that the Legislature is deadlocked on the Senatorial question and he is desirous of using his influence to reunite the party.

The visit will be made the occasion of a Democratic lovefeast. Beckham has accepted Mr. Bryan's offer of assistance and to-morrow a resolution will be adopted by both houses of the General Assembly inviting Mr. Bryan to make an address on Tuesday.

Democratic members of the Legislature sent out invitations to-day to the leaders and prominent members of the party in every section of the State to be present. It is believed that a considerable gathering of Democrats will take place.

Some of the party leaders think that Mr. Bryan will suggest legislation covering the State guarantee debt law for banks and financial institutions such as he suggested to the Oklahoma Legislature.

Cruiser California Was Successful Test. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—The new cruiser California, built at the Union Iron Works, has had her final test. She made 22 knots under forced draught for four hours and in a 13 hour endurance run under natural draught made 24 1/2 knots. Her guns were tested and the board of officers declared that all tests were successful.

CONFESSES YUCATAN LOOTING.

Bank Cashier Ponce Made \$750,000 in Notes Superstitiously. MEXICO CITY, Jan. 19.—Former Cashier Ponce of the Bank of Yucatan at Meridia, who is under arrest charged with embezzling the funds of that institution, has confessed to the authorities that he had a duplicate key to the vault and that he made new banknotes amounting to \$750,000 without the knowledge of the other bank authorities or employees.

His wife, who is also under arrest, had no knowledge of where he obtained the money which he gave her, he says. Twenty-five persons are under arrest charged with complicity in the affair. If Ponce's story is substantiated they will be released. It is stated that about \$200,000 of the stolen money has been recovered.

CORNELL COED DEBATER.

Chosen Member of Team That Is to Meet Columbia in Argument.

ITHACA, Jan. 19.—Miss Elizabeth A. Cook, a Cornell coed in the college of law, has been chosen a member of the intercollegiate debate team which is to meet Columbia in this city on February 28. This is the first time since Miss Gail Laughlin was a speaker, some ten years ago, that a coed has been chosen a member of the intercollegiate team. There were ten or a dozen men who competed against Miss Cook, but the committee of judges picked her above them. Five professors were members of the committee.

The subject debated, which is also the subject for the intercollegiate debate, deals with the Federal licensing of corporations engaged in interstate commerce. Miss Cook's home is in this city. She has spoken on the '94 memorial debate stage, but has been hitherto unsuccessful in competition for intercollegiate contests.

POWDERED WHITE AT SEA.

Monterey May Have Met the Aerial Remains of a Flour Mill. The Ward liner Monterey, from Vera Cruz, Progresso and Havana, was delayed a day by heavy weather in the Gulf of Mexico while she was on her way from Vera Cruz to Progresso. As she was nearing Yucatan and while the contents skyward a shower of white dust, not of the volcanic variety, Capt. Smith declares, covered the ship like a light layer of snow. In the morning passengers who rubbed the dust with the dew on the rails found that it formed a sort of flourlike paste. Somebody suggested that a tornado incidental to the heavy gale of the night before might have kicked up a flour mill somewhere in the latter part on Saturday night a shower of white dust, not of the volcanic variety, Capt. Smith declares, covered the ship like a light layer of snow. In the morning passengers who rubbed the dust with the dew on the rails found that it formed a sort of flourlike paste. 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