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### GROGERS ON THE COAST IN A SUGAR COMBINE

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The Examiner today says:

The existence of a secret agreement among the wholesale grocers of the coast for the past year and a half to control the price of sugar was revealed by the withdrawal, Monday, of six local houses from the Pacific Traffic and Commercial association, the name

used to cover the joint operations of the members of trust.

These six big firms, whose combined capital equals that of all the other forty-two members, believe that their withdrawal will mean disorganization of the combination and that the trust will be obliged to go out of business. Its manager, H. D. Loveland, says, however, that the association will go ahead with its operations and is determined to uphold the market.

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## HAS ASSASSIN OF PLEHVE ESCAPED?

Remarkable Stories of Russian Police Indicate a Blunder They Would Conceal.

London, Dec. 21.—Surprise that the assassin of Minister de Plehve should have escaped the death penalty with a sentence of life imprisonment is increased by the news that, owing to the czar's amnesty he will be freed in twenty years. A possible explanation is to be found in the following from the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Express:

Circumstances have now made it possible to tell for the first time the astounding sequel to the arrest of the assassin of M. de Plehve, the Russian minister of the interior. Few romances with Russia for their theme and nihilism for their motive transcend the surprises of this story as told in part by the bureau of police and in part from sources which that great Russian department has sought ineffectually to suppress.

It was a few minutes before 10 o'clock on the morning of the 28th of July that M. de Plehve met his death. The assassin, himself slightly wounded by the explosion, two bombs he had thrown, was instantly arrested and hurried away by the police. Within the next twenty-four hours the subjoined announcement was given out:

"The murderer has been identified. His name is Porozneff and he comes from a small town in southern Russia. He has made a confession implicating others."

Twelve hours later he was reported to be dead. The form in which this latter intimation was given to the foreign correspondents was as follows:

"While the hospital attendants' attention was drawn aside for a moment, Porozneff tore off the apparatus which had been placed on his stomach and succumbed within half an hour to internal hemorrhage."

Two Amazing Things.

On July 31 two amazing things happened. Porozneff, who succumbed to internal hemorrhage thirty-six hours earlier, came to life again and made another confession, as a sequel to which "about a thousand persons" were arrested. On Aug. 1 the police bureau, having apparently mislaid the official fact of Porozneff's identification, confession and death, gave out the following intimation:

"The assassin of M. de Plehve died today. He steadfastly refused to make any disclosures, and the mystery of his identity remains unsolved."

The succeeding two or three days proved uneventful, and the narrative leaps, therefore, to Aug. 4, when the following intimation was allowed to be made public:

"The authorities are very anxious that the prisoner should not die of his wounds, and when he was operated on at the hospital several police officials were present."

In respect to a man who had already been twice officially declared to be dead these precautions seem to savor of extravagance. The authorities, however, were busy in other directions and probably did not notice the discrepancy, for three days later it was formally intimated that:

"The identity of M. de Plehve's assassin is now established, and two more arrests have been made."

Then a Lull.

At this point there was again an apparent lull for a few days in the relentless activity of the police, but an announcement of Aug. 15 made it clear that during the interval they had been silently and unerringly drawing the bonds of justice tighter:

"The young man who is under arrest as the suspected murderer of M. de Plehve has been identified by the police as a former student of the University of Moscow, and is the son of a timber merchant named Sazonoff, in the government of Saratoff. The investigation is being continued."

On Aug. 21 they permitted it to be known that they had made another discovery:

"The identity of M. de Plehve's murderer has been definitely ascertained. His name is Matveyeff and he is a graduate of the Technological Institute. He will be included among the criminals granted a partial amnesty on the christening of the Czarevitch, and the death sentence will be commuted to penal servitude for life."

The police themselves seem to have become conscious that something was lacking in their story, that a link had been lost somewhere, for on the next morning (Aug. 22) they issued the following official statement:

"The rumors that Sazonoff is dead are unfounded. Sazonoff is fully convalescent."

Sazonoff, in fact, was himself again; he was not even Matveyeff, tho he had been circumstantially identified under that name on the morning of the previous day and all his life history laid bare. But at this point, in view of the bewilderment which this official narrative may so far have occasioned, it may be convenient, in the light of what is to follow, to tabulate the events in the assassin's history during these five-and-twenty days:

July 28—Assassin caught redhanded.  
July 29—Identified as Porozneff.  
July 30—Died of hemorrhage.  
July 31—Made confession causing 1,000 arrests.  
Aug. 1—Died unidentified.  
Aug. 4—Efforts made to keep him alive.  
Aug. 7—Identified again and two more arrests made.  
Aug. 19—Identified as Sazonoff.  
Aug. 21—Identified as Matveyeff and death sentence pronounced.  
Aug. 22—Re-identified as Sazonoff.  
Aug. 22—Officially declared not dead.

After this nothing probably can cause much astonishment to the reader. It has been hinted that the history had something to conceal, and the peculiar elaboration of their actions, the mystification in which they purposely envelop the whole story and the baldly contradictory information they issued from day to day suggest that the fact they desired to hide was one of the first importance.

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Laird, Shober & Co.'s finest Kid Lace and Button; regular \$6 and \$7 values. Sale Price..... <b>\$4.85</b>	Ladies' fine Kid Sailor Ties, pump soles; were \$3.00. Sale Price..... <b>\$2.45</b>	Misses' fine Kid, Box Calf and Velour Calf Lace; were \$1.75. Sale Price..... <b>\$1.35</b>	Men's fine Patent Kid Bluchers; snappy last; were \$5.00. Sale Price..... <b>\$3.50</b>
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the prisoner. The order was shown to him and was instantly pronounced to be a daring forgery.

City Scoured for Man.

Without a moment's delay Russia's elaborate police machinery was set in motion; the streets of St. Petersburg were scoured for traces of the shant gendarmes and their closed carriage, all the "night haunts" were visited and every possible place of refuge was searched. The quest was vain. Gendarmes,

prisoner, carriage and driver had vanished into the night.

One item remains to be added. If the assassin of M. D. Plehve is ever demanded by any person high in authority a prisoner will be produced. The St. Petersburg police are never at a loss over a detail of that sort. But the man produced will not be the man arrested on the Ismailofsky Prospekt the moment after M. de Plehve was murdered. The man may now be in Geneva, Paris or perhaps London. He

is certainly not within the confines of the Russian empire.

Interview with Assassin.

The Express today publishes a telegram from its Zurich correspondent giving an account of an interview, which he says he had with the escaped assassin in that city. If the story is true, it is believed Sazonoff's object in desiring to be interviewed is to save his substitute and alleged accomplice. Sazonoff, however, says that he had no complicity. Hewas enraged against Von Plehve because his father and mother had been killed by Plehve. Sazonoff was the fourth man on the list chosen by the terrorists to kill Plehve. The first man disappeared, he says, and the two others failed. Sazonoff gives minute details of his escape. When asked for proof of his identity, he showed the correspondent numerous scars and bandaged wounds, which he received as the result of the explosion. The correspondent adds that despite his first doubts, he is convinced that his informant is really Sazonoff.

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#### Nervous Exhaustion.

Mrs. William Spencer of No. 105 Grant St., Syracuse, Says:

"I was always nervous, but of late years I could not sleep, was intensely nervous, ringing sounds in the ears and sharp noises in my head at night. My strength was way down—had attacks of vertigo when I was so dizzy I had to catch hold of some thing until it passed off. This condition certainly needed attention, as it was steadily growing worse. Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills were called to my attention and I got a box. The results were splendid—the nerves became quiet—the aches and ringing in the head together with the dizzy spells disappeared completely, and I began to sleep well again. The general strength came back and as a result I feel well every way again."

#### Nervous Prostration.

Mrs. Ella Smith of No. 48 Miller St., Newark, N. Y., Writes:

"Last summer I was so weak I staggered when I walked. I was very nervous, easily excited, could not rest nights, blood thin, appetite poor, and hands trembly—I was in a low state of health. About this time I got a box of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills and though everything else had failed these pills put me on my feet in good health and that quickly, too. It was not long before I was eating and sleeping well—the nervousness and trembling gone—the blood rich and my strength back. They are a grand medicine and I feel vigorous and strong in every way."

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