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POLICE UNEARTH ROYALIST PLOT

Search Partly Negative But Important Documents Discovered.

MANY PROMINENT FAMILIES INVOLVED

Widespread Labor Agitation Takes Turn in Paris When the Police Swoop Down.

Clemenceau Says Talk of Revolution is All Nonsense.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, April 27.—The widespread labor agitation took a dramatic turn to-day, when the police executed a series of searches designed to unearth a wholesale plot against the public security.

The ostensible purpose of the searches was to discover if encouragement had been given to rioting in the morning.

ELECTIONS USED TO ALARM PUBLIC

Clemenceau, in Interview, Declares Social Fabric in France is Safe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, April 27.—The Herald today publishes the following from its European edition:

"The dispatches from France which have been published abroad on the gravity of the internal situation of that country and the danger of an imminent revolution are stamped as absurd exaggerations in an interview which I had with M. Clemenceau, Minister of the Interior, who said that actual disturbances among the working classes is due to a variety of causes, on which the light will ultimately be shed, for we must at once seek to determine the responsibility for this movement while ignoring the source of certain subsidies which have been distributed to the strikers."

"There is no doubt that the near approach of the general election has a preponderating influence on the propaganda and the continuance of the movement, for on the side certain socialists candidates consider a strike necessary to their election, and they are endeavoring to prolong the agitation until May 6th."

"On the other hand, certain reactionary groups and publications devote themselves to the exploitation of exaggerations, in the form of a social revolution which they fear of a social revolution with the object of provoking a counter movement from the reactionist population."

"But the real danger, in my opinion, is now beginning to understand that in view of the strong anarchistic element which exists, they are playing a dangerous game, and they are changing their tactics, fearing that a too widespread movement would defeat their own hopes and ends."

"They have seen the seeds of alarm, and this is turning the tide against them, and the possibility of a social revolution is concerned this fear is absolutely chimerical, for if there exist in our country any elements of some serious disturbance, it is not in latent and permanent revolt against established social order, there also exist several elements which are interested in the maintenance of the social order."

"It is armor, therefore, is not in danger, and the duty of government, whatever its policies may be, is to defend the nation by insuring order in the streets and to enforce the respect for individual property and liberty, and you may be certain that in this case the authorities will not fall in their duty."

"After the elections this afternoon will subside, and we will then have to face these social problems, which call for urgent study as to the best means of finding their solution in the only way necessary to remember that the general elections take place in about ten days. They constitute, in fact, an electioneering maneuver."

"It would indeed have been surprising had the opposition failed to utilize the discontent that exists in a small portion of the laboring population as a means of attack upon the present cabinet and its immediate predecessor. The opportunity was too good to be overlooked and too apparent to be overlooked."

"But that a general upheaval is within measurable distance, and that the social fabric is in danger of disintegration, I have failed to discover a single believer willing to place his belief on record. That a certain anxiety exists is indisputable. The feeling may be, indeed, is unwarmed, but it exists."

"Tradesmen in the Rue de la Dix, the Avenue de l'Opera and other streets where 'articles de luxe' are looking rather rueful at present."

IS CHARGED WITH MURDERING WIFE

Warrant Issued Last Night for Instructor at Harvard.

ANALYSIS SHOWS TRACE OF ARSENIC

Chicago Police Notified to Hold Man if He Can Be Found.

Death Occurred on April 16, But Case Has Just Been Made Public.

(By Associated Press.) CAMBRIDGE, MASS., April 27.—The Cambridge police to-night issued a warrant for the arrest of Erich Muentzer, an instructor in German at Harvard University, on a charge of murdering his wife in this city about two weeks ago. It is alleged that Mrs. Muentzer's death was caused by arsenic. The body was taken to Chicago on April 17th, but the case was not made public until this evening.

Muentzer was born in Germany. He formerly taught school in Chicago, and before coming to Harvard, less than two years ago, he was an instructor at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. Muentzer is thirty-five years old. His wife was formerly Miss Leona K. Krotnos, of Chicago.

Traces of Arsenic. The attention of the authorities was called to the case just after the woman's death. Ten days before that time a child was born to Mrs. Muentzer, who was attended by a faith cure doctor and by two nurses of the same unit. Some time after the child was born two regular physicians, Dr. Frederick W. Taylor and Dr. George McIntyre, were called. Both decided that Mrs. Muentzer was suffering from some ailment of the stomach. They prescribed for her, but later, it is alleged, withdrew because they ascertained their directions were not being followed. Mrs. Muentzer died April 16th.

Muentzer applied to Dr. McIntyre for his signature to the certificate of death, but Dr. McIntyre declined to do so, and a medical investigation and notified the medical examiner, who performed an autopsy and sent the stomach to Prof. W. P. Whitney, of the University of Medical School. Muentzer and the two nurses were then permitted to take the body to Mrs. Muentzer's former home in Chicago. The party left Cambridge April 17th.

Searching for Man. To-day a report of the analysis of the stomach was received by Medical Examiner Swan. Prof. Whitney reported that he had found marked traces of arsenic, and District Attorney Sanderson notified the Cambridge police. The warrant for Muentzer's arrest was issued, and the Chicago police have been notified to hold the man if he can be found.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON TILLMAN BILL

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections today authorized Senator Foraker to report favorably the Tillman bill to prohibit insurance and other corporations from contributing to campaign funds. The bill was amended by a sub-committee consisting of Senators Foraker, Knox and Ballou, and was made to apply to corporations of all kinds and to all elections for presidential and vice-presidential electors for legislatures where United States Senators are to be chosen, and for representatives in Congress.

CARLTON SHAFER, CADET CAPTAIN, DIES IN WEST

(By Associated Press.) LAFORTE, ILL., April 27.—Carlton Shafer, captain of a cadet company from the Virginia Military Institute that served under General Breckenridge in the Confederate army during the Civil War, died to-day in LaPorte, aged sixty-two years. After the war Captain Shafer served in the Maryland Legislature and as professor of mathematics at Frederick, Md., College. During the last years of his life he practiced law in LaPorte.

Abducted Pretty Girl.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., April 27.—Charles J. Hofer, a young white man, about twenty-four years of age, was arrested in Suffolk to-night on a charge of abducting eight-year-old Katy Williams, of Norfolk, formerly of North Carolina. Chief Boush, of Norfolk, telegraphed Police Chief Brinkley, of Suffolk, about the case, and requested the arrest of Hofer in Suffolk, where he was locked up. He denied the charge, and said that he had not been to Norfolk within three weeks.

WOMAN WHO KILLED SISTER IS ACQUITTED

Jury Deliberates But Ten Minutes in Case of Mrs. Standifer.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, GA., April 27.—The trial of Mrs. R. M. Standifer for the murder of her sister, Miss Chappelle Williams, March 31st, last, which was begun early today, was concluded early this evening with a verdict of acquittal after ten minutes' deliberation by the jury. Mrs. Standifer entered a plea of not guilty, and while admitting the killing, she contended that emotional insanity impelled her to the deed.

Mrs. Standifer shot and killed her sister nearly two months ago, on account of the marked attentions of her husband to the dead woman. Her suspicions had been kindled by the discovery of letters that had passed between the two. Asking her sister to discontinue encouraging Mr. Standifer and being refused, she fired a bullet which brought about instant death. Standifer was arrested subsequently on the charge of disorderly conduct and when his trial was called, he failed to appear and his bond was forfeited. His whereabouts is unknown.

MARKET STREET, ONCE SAN FRANCISCO'S CHIEF THOROUGHFARE.



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STILL TALKING OF THE BATTLE

Echoes of City Primary Were Heard on All Sides Yesterday and Last Night.

TWO ARE OUT FOR PRESIDENT

Naturally, the all-absorbing topic in local political circles yesterday was the result of Thursday's primary, and men discussed the changes at almost every group.

The fight for the presidency of the lower branch was freely talked of and the friends of President R. Lee Peters and Mr. James E. Cannon, who will compete for the honor, were hard at work. Mr. Cannon was confined to his home by sickness last night, but in answer to an inquiry, said he felt very much encouraged at the outlook, and that his friends were doing valuable and highly appreciated work for him.

Mr. Cannon is a strong lawyer, and a skilled parliamentarian. He is president of the Senate, and enjoys the confidence of all who know him. He is known to have a strong following for the distinguished honor to which he aspires, and his friends were talking him up strongly all during the day.

The friends of Mr. Cannon deeply regret his indisposition at this time, as it removes him from active, personal service in his fight.

President Peters appeared serene and confident when seen. "I am in the race, and I am standing by me loyally, and I confidently expect to win."

Strong supporters of the President declared earnestly last night that they were confident of his re-election.

Mr. Peters is a contracting painter, and a man of popularity, both in and out of the Council. He has served several terms in the body, and has been its presiding officer for nearly two years.

Fight Some Time Off. The Council just elected, goes in on September 1st, and officers will be chosen the latter part of August.

President Turpin's fine run for re-election to the Board insures him another year in the chair without opposition, and Clerk Ben T. August will be his own successor by a unanimous vote.

OPERATORS WILL YIELD NOTHING

Anthracite Coal Owners Reject Latest Proposition of Mine Workers.

MITCHELL IS SURPRISED

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 27.—The anthracite mine operators, through their "association," today, at a meeting here, late in the afternoon, said they would not yield to a proposition to adjust the mine workers for an adjustment of the existing difference in the anthracite fields, in which they refuse to modify the position heretofore announced. The operators call upon the miners to renew for a period of three years the award of the anthracite strike commission, or else to accept the operators' proposition that the strike commission arbitrate the question as to what changes, if any, shall be made in the scale of wages fixed by the commission in its original award. The miners have heretofore declined this offer.

The operators deny that wages are unduly low in the anthracite industry and say that to accept the sliding scale of wages proposed by the miners would mean an increase in the price of coal to the public of thirty-five cents a ton. The present price to the operators, they say, is but twenty cents a ton. The latter continue:

"But if we disregard the sliding scale and assume that you simply mean to add ten cents per ton as the final increase in the price of coal to the public, that is, ten cents per ton on \$12,000,000 of output."

The operators say they cannot afford to pay this additional sum without imposing additional burdens on the coal consuming public and increasing the aggregate cost to the public of the entire product \$12,000,000.

Mitchell Surprised. (By Associated Press.) SCRANTON, PA., April 27.—President John Mitchell read over the Associated Press dispatch on the operators' answer in the Tribune office to-day, but would make no comment other than that he was surprised.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Saturday; Sunday showers and cooler; light to fresh north winds.

North Carolina—Partly cloudy Saturday; warmer in western portion; Sunday showers, cooler in the interior; variable winds.

Conditions Yesterday. Richmond's weather was warm and cloudy. Range of the thermometer: 9 A. M., 62; 11 P. M., 61; 12 M., 62; 3 P. M., 62; 9 P. M., 62; 12 M., 62; Average, 61.

Highest temperature yesterday, 67. Lowest temperature yesterday, 59. Mean temperature yesterday, 63.5. Normal temperature for April, 68. Departure from normal temperature, 12.5.

Thermometer This Day Last Year 9 A. M., 67; 6 P. M., 66; 12 M., 67; 9 P. M., 67; 12 M., 67; Average, 67.

Conditions in Important Cities. (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.) Place, Ther., High, T. Weather. Atlanta, Ga., 70, 80, Rain. Charleston, 70, 80, Rain. Chicago, Ill., 48, 56, P. cloudy. Cincinnati, 62, 70, Clear. Detroit, Mich., 72, 79, Clear. New York, N. Y., 62, 70, Clear. Philadelphia, Pa., 62, 70, Clear. Pittsburgh, Pa., 62, 70, Clear. Raleigh, N. C., 62, 70, Clear. Washington, 62, 70, Clear. Wilmington, 62, 70, P. cloudy.

Miniature Almanac. April 28, 1906. Sun rises, 6:29. High tide, 11:15. Moon sets, 11:31. Evening, 8:31.

GIRL AND ESCORT DROWN IN RIVER

Frail Skiff Overturns and Both Go Down to Watery Graves.

STRUGGLE LASTED MOMENT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DANVILLE, VA., April 27.—While out fishing in a small boat, a short distance from the suburbs of the city, late this afternoon, Miss Sallie Dyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Dyer, and her escort, Mr. J. T. Ferguson, an electrician at the new cotton mill at Schoolfield, were drowned. Both of the victims are young people, and the tragedy is the saddest known in this section for years.

Miss Dyer and Mr. Ferguson were in a small canoe, a boat that is considered very dangerous and can be used with safety only by experts. They were taking an outing on the river above the new dam. Mr. Ferguson knew little about swimming, while his companion Evelyn Powell was on the banks of the river awaiting their return. For a moment their attention was distracted from the boat and its occupants, and when they looked out on the surface of the water they saw the boat was seen to be empty. Its former occupants were in the current of the river, struggling for life. It was a matter of only a few minutes before they went down, and it is probable that they sank together. Mr. Ferguson knew little about swimming, while his companion Evelyn Powell was on the banks of the river awaiting their return.

The pond above the new dam is being drained to-night in attempt to recover the bodies of the victims.

Miss Sallie Dyer was sixteen years of age and was a student at the Commercial College in this city. She was pretty and attractive, and her friends here are numbered by the hundreds. Her father is a well-known merchant. Mr. Ferguson was about twenty-one or twenty-two years of age, and came to Danville several weeks ago to accept a position as electrician with the Dan River Power and Development Company, the owners of the cotton mills. His home is in Baltimore, where his father is a chemist.

HAUL CEMENT FOR SHIPMENT TO PANAMA

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, TENN., April 27.—It was announced here to-day that the Isthmian Canal Commission has awarded the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company a contract to haul in ninety days' time, 20,000 cars of cement from Louisville to New Orleans whence the cement will be shipped to Panama. The Louisville and Nashville figures on putting a train of cement into New Orleans every forty-five minutes until the contract is finished.

Dewey in Suez Canal.

(By Associated Press.) PORT SAID EGYPT, April 27.—The United States dry-dock Dewey entered the Suez Canal to-day.

Mayor's New Plan.

An enthusiastic Texan declared to-day that the reason Texas voted for Richmond was because of the new plan.

BREWER INDICTED BY NEW YORK GRAND JURY

Alleged That He Made False Report of Condition of Washington Life Company.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 28.—Wm. A. Brewster, Jr., formerly president of the Washington Life Insurance Company, was today indicted by the grand jury for perjury. The indictment charges that his report to the State Superintendent of Insurance in 1903 indicated the company had a surplus of about \$200,000, when there was really a deficit of \$80,000.

Plain Dealing Burned.

HANOVER, N. H., Va., April 27.—"Plain Dealing," the home of Mr. W. C. Parkinson, about six miles west of this place, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, was totally destroyed by fire this morning about 7 o'clock.

MAIDS IN GRAY MARCH IN PARADE

New Orleans Reunion Ends With Brilliant Scene and Business Suspended.

MAYOR WANTS AUDITORIUM

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.) NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 27.—The Veterans closed their reunion to-day with the grandest parade in their history. For the first time since New Orleans was a city, it surrendered its neutral ground on Canal Street to a parade—that portion of the great thoroughfare which constituted a broad strip down its center devoted entirely to street car traffic.

New Orleans stood amazed at the innovation. But the veterans captured the neutral ground, as they have done all the remainder of New Orleans, and street car traffic was suspended for the time, except as to bringing people to the center of attraction, and for an hour were packed in long lines, awaiting the parade of gray-coated veterans on horseback, maddened in great numbers in carriages, division after division of veterans, the soldiers of Louisiana, the Marine Corps and the sailors from the cruiser Columbia. The streets were so massed with people that the parade was greatly delayed, and so crowded that the marines cleared the street by marching in double file. I frequently heard the crowd estimate at 200,000.

Gray-Coated March in Line.

A brilliant day added to the beauty of the scene. Dr. John N. Upshur was an aide on General Clement Evans's staff. A beautiful innovation was the marching of a number of girls in gray in the line, and their presence added greatly to the ovation given.

Several companies of veterans, in their old-style uniforms, gave a martial appearance to the veterans' line. The spontaneous cheering was easily the feature of the parade, and perhaps in no other city of America could there have been such familiarity between these fair maids and the crowd without loss of courtesy. They were cheered in many instances, and several times I saw men jump upon a carriage stop to present flowers to the fair inmates, yet with lack of seeming presumption and with complete courtesy. Many kissed their finger tips to the fair maids themselves.

Lea Camp was one of the most soldierly in the parade, and the Virginia contingent which I followed much of the way, attracted universal attention. "There goes Virginia," was heard on all sides, followed by the remark: "They go to Richmond next year."

The line of march was short, the bands were numerous, and at times several could be heard playing "Dixie," at the same time to the never-tiring, unbounded enthusiasm of the lovers of the martial old air.

STILL SHAKING AROUND SALINAS

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 27.—A long distance telephone message to this city from a correspondent of the Associated Press at Salinas, 129 miles south of San Francisco, at 10:30 o'clock this morning, states that three more very heavy earthquake shocks were felt there last night, one at 8 o'clock, another at 9:50 and the last at 2 o'clock this morning. The shocks lasted about four seconds each, but so far as known did no damage. The news could not be reported from Salinas earlier because of the lack of all communication.

The damage at Salinas from the earthquake shock of last week is in excess of one million dollars.

The Salinas River is reported to have been sunk ten or twelve feet along its course for miles. Nearly all of the bridges across the river have been condemned and will have to be rebuilt.

A late telephone message to-day received by the evening express, says that earthquake shocks have been felt there

PEOPLE SHIVER IN RAIN AND GALE

Day and Night of Suffering Among Homeless Thousands.

HARMONY AGAIN; STREET CARS RUN

Systematic Theft of Red Cross Supplies Disclosed—Lives of Many Endangered By Falling Walls—The Burned District.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Harmony and pledges of good feeling marked the meetings to-day of the various bodies of citizens' committees and representatives of the armies which are administering the affairs of San Francisco.

The last sign of confusion and misunderstanding, which at times existed, disappeared and the first signs of the return to former conditions were the resumption of street car traffic in certain streets and the taking out of the first permit for the erection of a modern steel structure on the ground occupied a few days ago by a less substantial building.

Rain and Gale.

A cold rain fell for several hours last night and to-day and brought additional hardships upon the people sheltered only by tents and temporary buildings in the parks. To further add to their discomfort, the wind blew a gale from the north all day, scattering dust and ashes everywhere, in some places throwing down this tattering waste of burned buildings.

To-night is one of the most uncomfortable nights since the great fire, and the lack of heat in the tents and homeless, as well as in the houses of the more fortunate brings extreme discomfort.

The alleged systematic theft of several tons of Red Cross supplies has been disclosed by the arrest of Arthur Jacobs yesterday by Police Commissioner O'Grady and Detective Mathewson. Jacobs is said to have made a confession, implicating several confederates and revealing the place where he had hidden the loot.

Consuls Safe.

The French, Italian and Danish consuls at San Francisco, who were reported as among the missing, have all been heard from. They had temporarily become separated from their friends.

Chairman Pheasant, of the Finance Committee of the relief and Red Cross funds, gave in the afternoon a complete statement of money contributions received for the relief of San Francisco up to and including April 26th. The list shows the grand total of \$4,931,630, of which \$212,956 was contributed locally.

The Burned District.

Trifling less than four square miles was burned over by the fire that followed the earthquake of April 18th, according to City Engineer Woodward, who today completed an official map of the burned district. There have been various statements as to the area of the burned quarter of the city, some estimates making the extent of the fire 15 square miles. Carefully drawn maps, the burned area is a small fraction less than four square miles, or about 2,600 acres.

The falling of walls to-day was a danger to the great number of people who crowded into the city to witness the ruins. The walls fell from a terrible crash. A number of pedestrians and a party of men and women in an automobile had difficulty in getting out of the way of the shower of bricks. The outer wall of a building at Market and Geary Streets, where was once the Mitchell sales, fell outward, and as hundreds of people from the Oakland ferry boat were wending their way along Market Street, several persons were struck by bricks, but no one was seriously injured.

Hunting of Relics.

Relic hunters are reaping a harvest by digging among the ruins of the Japanese and Chinese bazaars. Hundreds of persons have visited these ruins, where assiduous sifting of ashes yielded profit that are more than worth the labor. Vases of stoneware and hundreds of people have been seen with their tools, that in days before the fire commanded high prices, are carried away by relic-hunters in large numbers. "Six-shooters" of the kind formerly carried by hired assassins of the Chinese quarter are found in great quantity.

River Has Sunk Ten or Twelve Feet—Great Damage From Earthquake.

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