



SAN DOMINGO

Senator Morgan Exposes Gigantic Scheme

A FEMALE PROMOTER

Makes Treaties, Suppresses Insurrection and Transacts a General Grafting Business

THE READER SYNDICATE

Senator Morgan Exposes a Gigantic Plot Whereby a Man and His Wife Are Back of the Santo Domingo Treaty at Expense of Government.

New York, March 18.—Athole B. Reader and his wife, mentioned by Senator Morgan of Alabama in the Santo Domingo treaty discussion as composing the Reader syndicate which as had in hand a plan for raising the debts of the Dominican republic and the sale of a naval port on the island to the American government, are in this city. It is stated that Mrs. Reader was formerly Miss Ella Rawls of Alabama, a stenographer who came to New York in 1891 to seek her fortune. In the course of five years she had become owner of a large stenographic bureau in Wall street and, in the course of her business, did considerable work for the Venezuelan boundary commission. Later she went to London and representing a prominent English banking firm, procured from the sultan of Johora a \$5,000,000 railroad contract. While in London she married Reader, a native of New Zealand, who traveled widely and acted as confidential secretary to well known persons. The couple claim later to have taken charge of a big Peruvian mining deal and by the diplomatic efforts of Mrs. Reader to have averted a revolution in that country.

In a long statement issued by the Readers they set forth their scheme for relieving the Santo Domingo situation which fell through when Mr. Dillingham arrived on the scene. They claim to have been engaged in the matter by one Perez, a secret agent here of President Morales. Reader asserts that he consulted a well known attorney here (who yesterday issued a denial of all interest in Santo Domingo affairs) and after outlining his plans to the lawyer, took a steamer for the island. There he was received by Morales and daily conferences were held during which documents were formulated appointing Mrs. Reader fiscal agent of the republic in the United States and giving her authority to negotiate treaties for the debt settlement at Washington as well as the entire financial rehabilitation of Santo Domingo.

Organization of Revolutionary Party in London Detected

These matters had, the Readers claim, almost reached a conclusion when President Morales announced that he had received word through Minister Dawson that Commander Dillingham was coming and all negotiation with Reader was instantly dropped.

THREE HUNDRED ARRESTED

Reader felt much hurt over the outcome and declares some interested person aware of his secret negotiations, had informed the authorities at Washington. In reply to a query as to what he was going to do about it, he asked: "What can I do about it?"

SCRAP ON SHIP.

Provisions Were Short and the Passengers Declared War.

New York, March 18.—Details of the conflict between passengers and ship officers aboard the French steamer Montreal at Horta, Azores, have been cabled by the Herald's correspondent at that port, who says that the vessel put back when 600 miles out. She was short of coal and provisions and the passengers refused absolutely to proceed.

Owing to the failure to send the pas-

sengers by a faster steamship all of them united in a revolt and it was necessary to use armed force. A Portuguese gunboat was called on for aid.

The passengers threatened the officers and the crew with summary vengeance should they attempt to leave Horta in the face of the terrific weather, and the prevailing scarcity of fresh provisions.

The steamer Lafayette is expected to take the Montreal's passengers to New York today.

NEW YORK GAMBLING.

Hell Holes of New York Report Business Good.

New York, March 18.—A sentiment of distrust toward the present big level but all who were able have fled. stock exchange. Early resistance was shown to this depression, based on the entire absence of any unfavorable factors in the general conditions of business, industry and finance. The rise in call money later in the week turned the balance in favor of reaction, which was restrained, however, and the market showed evidence of resisting power at the decline.

Rumors of "deals" continued to circulate and were influential in carrying special stocks up within face of the reaction.

STORM IN COLORADO.

Snow Blockades Traffic and Stops All Trains.

Victor, Col., March 18.—Railway service on the steam and electric roads throughout the Cripple Creek district is practically in a state of blockade. The result of a storm. The short line railway has moved no trains since 11 o'clock last night. The Florence and Cripple Creek got a train over to Cripple Creek between 11 and 12 o'clock. The Midland terminal is at a standstill. The storm still continues with unabated fury. Ten snow is nearly two feet deep on the level for miles around.

Treaty Ratified.

New York, March 18.—Formal ratification of the treaty of peace between Chile and Bolivia have been exchanged accompanied by mutual congratulations, cables the La Paz, Bolivia, correspondent of the Herald.

On account of the bubonic plague, the Molendo railroad construction has been interrupted, but many American engineers and prospectors continue to arrive.

PLOT DISCOVERED

Verdict of the Court-Martial at St. Petersburg Finds a Number Guilty and Sentence is Imposed to Fine and Imprisonment and Dismissal.

St. Petersburg, March 18.—The secret police of Moscow have discovered an organization acting in conjunction with the revolutionary party of London. Three hundred persons have already been arrested. The police found in store infernal machines, explosives and weapons, together with printing presses and documents, including among the letters several addressed to the central committee and correspondence relating to the assassination of Grand Duke Sereguis.

The verdict of the court-martial which tried the officers and men of several batteries of artillery, from which one 12-inch shell was fired during the blessings of the waters January 19, and scattered missiles in the vicinity of the Imperial pavilion, was announced today. Capt. Davidoff and Sub-Lieutenant Kurzeff were found guilty of neglect of duty and sentenced to dismissal from the service and a year and a half imprisonment. Sub-Lieutenant Roth was sentenced to imprisonment for 16 months. The court found no connection on the part of any one in trial with the plot to assassinate the governor.

UNTERRIFIED

Colorado Democrats Will File a Protest

AN ILLEGAL ELECTION

Claim McDonald Was Illegally Elected Governor of Colorado Thursday

ADAMS ISSUES STATEMENT

He Reviews in Scathing Terms the Proceedings by Which He Was Unseated and Denounces Corporations for Undue Influence in Contest.

Denver, March 18.—The Democratic members of the Colorado assembly are preparing a protest against the action of the republican majority of that body in deciding the gubernatorial contest in favor of James H. Peabody after he had agreed to resign and permit Lieutenant Governor McDonald being seated as governor. The protest alleges that the seating of Peabody, when it was known that his resignation had been placed in the hands of the secretary of state, W. S. Boynton, and filed within 24 hours after his inauguration was illegal and therefore McDonald is not entitled to his seat. The protest will be filed when the joint assembly meets Tuesday.

Ex-Governor Adams today issued an address to the people of Colorado. It reviews in scathing terms the various steps of the contest by which he was unseated. Regarding Peabody's resignation, Adams declares that the resignation was a confession that he was not legally elected, and one that an honest man, honestly elected would rather die than admit. Adams asserted that the legislature bowed to the dictates of the heads of consciousness corporations whom he terms as the greatest anarchists in Colorado and whom he declares, by the use of money and influence, coming from the franchises that are gifts from the people, dictate the personnel of the courts and officials to corrupt the ballot. The concluding statement is as follows: "Was dishonorable victory, dishonorably won. Let those responsible look over the cost in cash and in deed and see if they dare give an account to the public eye. I want to stand as an honest man before the people of Colorado. Better a hundred times be a private citizen than hold office, the highest in the gift of the people, by such a title. The stolen presidency added no luster to Rutherford B. Hays. A stolen governorship brings only reproach and disaster to Colorado and republicanism. Theft is the thief, and comes back mast to him."

SECRETARY HAY ILL.

Taken Suddenly Ill Just Before Going on Boat.

New York, March 18.—Secretary of State John Hay was taken ill today just before boarding the steamship Celtic for Europe. Hay had to be taken aboard in a wheeled chair. His condition is not considered alarming.

Extreme exhaustion of the nerve centers brought on by overwork, is the cause assigned by the surgeon general of the army, who is Secretary Hay's physician. The surgeon general says he is hopeful that two months' rest will restore the secretary's health and enable him to return to his official duties.

LOST BOTH FEET.

Small Boy Fell Under Moving Freight Train.

Kelso, Wash., March 18.—Otis, the 12-year-old son of Charles Johnson of Ostrander, Wash., lost both his feet by falling beneath a moving freight car yesterday afternoon.

While playing around the tracks at the Ostrander Shingle Company's mill

the boy, with several other small boys, boarded a car that was being switched onto the mill's siding, and in jumping off onto a narrow platform, lost his balance and fell beneath the wheels, which crushed both feet so badly that amputation above the ankles was necessary.

BRUTAL COWARD.

Robert Jones Beats Mail Carrier into Insensibility.

Chicago, March 18.—Peter Solominsky, 17 years old, in charge of a United States mail wagon, has been beaten and his skull fractured by the driver of a carriage who disputed the right of way in an alley at the rear of a branch postoffice in West Madison street.

When Solominsky refused to back his horse out of the alley the man attacked him with a club. Two hours after the boy was found unconscious on the ground. He was taken to the County hospital, where it was said he may not recover.

Robert Johns, driver of the carriage, was arrested.

NOTED PAINTER DEAD.

Professor William Freerichs Dies in New York.

New York, March 18.—Prof. William C. A. Freerichs, a well known marine and enamel painter, is dead from paralysis, at his home on Staten Island. He was born 76 years ago in Ghent and came to America in his youth.

While his paintings are to be found among most of the great collections in this country, Professor Freerichs is best remembered as an instructor in art in various schools. After spending a short time in New York he became, in 1854, an instructor in a North Carolina college and at the outbreak of the war went to Charleston. After the war he returned to the north.

J. C. Dunn Drowned.

Massie's Ferry, March 18.—J. C. Dunn of Grant's Pass was drowned a mile above the ferry while descending Rogue river in a small boat in company with J. M. Stanford, also of Grant's Pass. At the first had rattle below Devil's gate, 25 miles below Grant's Pass, the boat swamped, and in an instant both men were in the water struggling for their lives. Stanford, who is an old man, reached the shore by great effort. Dunn, although much younger and a strong swimmer failed.

SENATE ADJOURNS

All Nominations Made by the President Are Confirmed

SANTO DOMINICAN TREATY

Democrats Prevented Its Being Ratified, But Several Other Treaties With Foreign Nations Were Ratified Before the Adjournment.

Washington, March 18.—The special session of the senate today adjourned without delay. All nominations made by President Roosevelt during the past week were confirmed with the exception of five, the most important of which is that of Judge Wickersham to succeed himself, as judge of the district court of Alaska. Several unimportant treaties were ratified, but beyond these matters no legislative business was transacted. Most of the session was devoted to the Santo Domingo question and the consideration of the treaty under which it was proposed to take over the control of the financial affairs of the dominican government in order to pay its indebtedness, but democratic opposition prevented the ratification of the treaty and the senate adjourned sine die.

Cleveland's Birthday.

Princeton, N. J., March 18.—Ex-President Cleveland celebrated his 80th birthday quietly at home today.

Theater Collapses.

Santiago de Cuba, March 18.—As a result of the collapse of the Lyris theater tonight a large number of persons were killed and injured.

DISAPPEARED

No Possible Prospect For Peace

OPINIONS OF FRANCE

Believed That War Will Be Indefinitely Prolonged Between Japan and Russia

INDICATE JAPANESE VICTORY

Conceded in European Countries That the Japanese Will Capture Vladivostok and Sweep Eastern Siberia Crushing the Entire Russian Army.

Paris, March 18.—Russian defeats culminating with Kuropatkin's recall has completely shaken French officials and public opinion regarding Russia's ability to successfully make any headway against existing complications. The first view that the Russian reverses were part of a strategic plan is now entirely abandoned and all comment now turns on Russia's accumulating misfortune. The Figaro says: Kuropatkin is the victim of over prudence and lack of audacity. The peace prospects, although recently considered bright, now seem to have disappeared. Officials say this is due mainly to Japanese insistence that Russia shall sue for peace, whereas Russia's pride prevents her from taking the initiative, it is, therefore, believed that war will be indefinitely prolonged, with prospects of a series of Japanese successes above Mukden.

The effect of the Japanese advance to Harbin will be to control the trans-Siberian railroad and make an entire sweep of eastern Siberia, including Vladivostok. It is said that this possession of the Russian territory may prove an important factor in the support of Japan's claim for a money indemnity. Though mobilization orders may bring on disturbances and even uprising for a moment, the internal conditions are much quieter. Though sporadic disorders still exist, there has been no general spread as dreaded, but the authorities manifested their ability to cope with the situation. Strikes have also largely ceased and industrial activity has been resumed until May 1 at least, when social democrats profess their intention of renewing the agitation.

The chief storm center seems to be Moscow, where the police are discovering evidence of widespread terrorism plot. The explosion of the bomb in Theater square Monday night has not yet been explained, but numerous arrests in connection with the discovery at the depot in the suburbs of Moscow in which were bombs and explosives, have been made. The police are making practically no progress in unravelling the plot, which resulted in the death of Grand Duke Serigus. The identity of the assassin is another man with the iron mask.

The question of the sinews of war has been declared by the minister of finance as being arranged satisfactorily. Negotiations for domestic loans which is not expedient to be adopted on account of any fear of failure in the French market, is proceeding to a favorable conclusion and the ministers of finance insist that the French engagement will be signed shortly. It has been determined that the new domestic bonds shall run for a term of eight years.

JAPANESE IN MANCHURIA.

Only a Matter of Time When They Will Be in Possession.

New York, March 18.—The Japanese press considers that Manchuria is now, says a Times dispatch from Tokio, virtually in a state of Japanese occupation, but the papers dismiss the thoughts of speedy peace in view of the Russian reluctance to admit defeat. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is held that it will be essential

to prosecute the war vigorously.

The premier, in speaking Friday night, at a dinner of the Bankers' Club, asked his hearers to conceive themselves in the possession of Russia, who although enormously superior in resources, population and military renown, is now confronted with the painful question of suing for peace with a nation hitherto regarded with contempt. It would be unwise, he added, to anticipate such a concession. The Japanese, he added, must be prepared to continue the war to the bitter end.

NEW RAILROAD.

Northern Pacific Railroad to Extend Lines.

Walla Walla, March 18.—Two surveying parties of nine men each started out from here today for Athena and Pendleton respectively, presumably sent out by the Northern Pacific railroad to run lines to eastern Oregon. No information has been given out by the local officials. It is rumored, however, that the party going to Athena will run a line across the Umatilla Indian reservation and the party at Pendleton will run a line from there into the Heppner coal fields.

Earth Shaking.

New York, March 18.—Repeated earthquake shocks are reported at Naples by the Herald correspondent there. The tremors were felt in many other cities and towns where in some instances the inhabitants fell into a panic. No serious damage is reported.

THOUSANDS COMING.

Home Seekers Arriving on the Coast in Large Numbers.

Chicago, March 18.—As a result of the homesteaders' rates established March 1 by the transcontinental roads there is a big rush to the western states which promises to tax the equipment of all railroads. From the northwest word was received that the movement begun which promises a large increase to the population of North Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon.

Prospective settlers are passing through St. Paul over the Northern Pacific by trainloads. New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio are all contributing many practical farmers who are said to be sufficiently supplied with money to enable them to develop farms.

WARNER ELECTED

Missouri Elects a Republican United States Senator

JUST FIVE MINUTES TO SPARE

Intense Excitement in the Legislature, Clocks Smashed and the Democrats Attempt to Prevent an Election, But They Are Outvoted.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 18.—With only five minutes remaining before adjournment, Major William Warner of Kansas City was elected United States senator this afternoon by the Missouri legislature to succeed F. M. Cockrell, who has been senator since 1874. The election was attended by scenes of intense excitement. The democrats tried to prevent an election by forcing adjournment, and the faces of the clocks were smashed as the result of struggles between members. The selection finally resulted on the seventh ballot of the day and the 67th of the session.

Major William Warner, who was today elected senator to succeed Francis M. Cockrell, has practiced law in Kansas City since 1865, and is one of the leading members of the bar in the southwest. He is United States attorney for the western district of Missouri.

Major Warner was born in Wisconsin in 1840, and was educated at the Lawrence university in Wisconsin and at the University of Michigan. He was admitted to the bar just before the

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