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ASSASSIN DISGUISED AS AN OFFICER OF RUSSIAN POLICE TRIES VAINLY TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF CZAR

NEW BRIEF IS FILED IN KEENE SUIT

Opponent of Harriman Returns to Fray.

Objects to Voting of Union Pacific Holdings.

Discrimination Against the Southern Pacific Is Alleged.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 19.—Contrary to the report that a compromise had been effected in New York between the Keene and Harriman interests and that the Southern Pacific Railway suit had been settled, a brief containing sensational allegations was filed to-day by the appellants. The original suit involved the question of the right of the Union Pacific directors to vote in the stockholders' meeting of the Southern Pacific. The Harriman interests, which represent the Union and Central Pacific roads, had secured a controlling interest in the Southern Pacific road, and at the annual election to have been held last April expected to control the meeting and elect their officials. Suit for an injunction was begun by the Keene interests, representing stockholders of the Southern Pacific, the action coming to the United States Court of Appeals here from the Louisville district. The brief filed to-day was prepared by Senator Foraker of Cincinnati, Augustus E. Wilson of Louisville, Edward Lauterbach of New York and Eugene Tamm of New York.

Twenty-six arguments are presented in behalf of appellants to restrain the Harriman element from voting the Union Pacific holdings in the Southern Pacific election. Among these arguments are allegations that the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific roads being competitors, it was a violation of public policy and for that reason illegal for the Union Pacific to acquire and maintain control of the Southern Pacific by purchasing and voting its stock; that discrimination has been practiced in making expenditures on the Central Pacific in that twice as much money has been expended from the earnings of the Southern Pacific system on the 87 miles of the Central Pacific between Ogden and San Francisco as has been expended on the remaining 890 miles, and that the purpose of such expenditures is to make the Southern Pacific a direct through route from Chicago to San Francisco by way of Omaha and Ogden for the purpose of making it the main competitor in transcontinental business of other transcontinental lines; that the result would be to give the Union Pacific a haul over its entire line between Omaha and Ogden and the Southern Pacific only the short haul between Ogden and San Francisco instead of the long haul over its main line from New Orleans.

The pleadings show that since the Union Pacific management has assumed control of the Southern Pacific the accounts of disbursements has been discontinued and that it is impossible to give figures accurately. It is estimated, however, that out of about \$4,465,000 expended for betterments, \$2,000,000 is now being expended on the 87 miles of the Central Pacific between Ogden and San Francisco, \$4,550,000 on the Southern Pacific between San Francisco and Portland; \$2,200,000 on the 27 miles between Sacramento and Bakersfield, a branch of the Southern Pacific, or a total of \$35,550,000 out of \$45,000,000 on 1000 miles of the Southern Pacific system in which the Union Pacific is directly interested.

U. S. GRANT DISCUSSES THE VICE PRESIDENCY

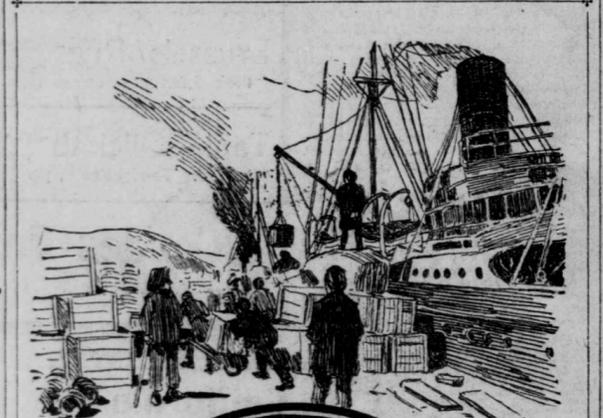
Believes That the President Will Favor Some Eastern Man for the Nomination.

SAN DIEGO, June 19.—This afternoon U. S. Grant, when asked whether it is to be considered that he is a candidate for the Vice Presidency on a ticket with Roosevelt, said: "I have not announced myself as a candidate for the Vice Presidential nomination, but I have known that some of my friends have entertained the feeling that the position ought to come to this coast and that I was probably as available a candidate for it as any other citizen of the section. Mr. Roosevelt can carry the great West without the assistance of a Western name, and I think he will favor some Eastern man."

Baby Receives Fatal Burns.

SAUSALITO, June 19.—Little Madge Skeets, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheets, was nearly burned to death this afternoon at the family residence on Locust avenue. The mother had placed the child on a bed while she was attending to her duties in another portion of the house, and upon returning to the room a short time later she discovered the bed was on fire. The child was horribly burned and will probably die. It is not known how the bed took fire.

DEMANDS OF JAPAN MEET WITH REFUSAL AT CHINA'S CAPITAL



FAMOUS JAPANESE STATESMAN WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEMANDS FOR PORT OPENING MADE ON CHINA, AND WHICH THE LATTER HAS BEEN PLEASED TO REFUSE.

Officials in Peking Declare That Two Ports Cannot Be Opened Despite the Wishes of Powers.

YOKOHAMA, June 19.—Japanese Minister Yasuga at Peking has presented to the Chinese Foreign Office a formal demand for the opening of Moukden and Tai Tung Chou. Japan's demand is strongly supported by the diplomatic representatives of the United States and Great Britain in Peking. Minister Conger has made a demand for the opening of Harbin in Manchuria.

SULTAN'S ABDICATION IS RUMORED ABROAD

Report of Turkish Revolt Receives No Confirmation From European Sources.

NEW YORK, June 19.—A news agency reported to-day that there had been a revolt at Constantinople and that the Sultan had abdicated.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The State Department has received no confirmation of the reported revolt at Constantinople.

CLAIMS SWENSON'S DEATH WAS DUE TO ACCIDENT

Los Angeles Attorney Receives Letter From Nogales Merchant With Additional Facts.

LOS ANGELES, June 19.—Late this afternoon a letter was received from Ramon Vasquez, a merchant of Nogales, Ariz., regarding the death of Anton Swenson, the Los Angeles contractor, who is supposed to have been accidentally killed by his partner, Newton Brown, at Atlix, a mining camp in Northern Sonora, Mexico. The letter gives some additional facts, but does little to clear up the mystery concerning Swenson's fate. The letter was addressed to J. H. Foley, Swenson's attorney. It is in part as follows:

"I met Mr. Swenson here a few days ago and he informed me that he was going into the republic of Mexico on mining business. He was very anxious that my bookkeeper should accompany him on the trip, but at that time I could not spare him. I found another young man, however, who went with him, but was compelled to return in a few days on account of sickness. Mr. Swenson returned with him. He again persuaded me to allow my bookkeeper to go, and I consented. They left here on Monday last and this morning I received the following telegram from my bookkeeper:

"TUBUTAMA, Mexico, June 17.—Ramon Vasquez, Nogales: We arrived at Atlix to-day. Swenson met accidental death. See in what manner you can arrange for the bringing of the corpse. Brown and I are detained by the authorities at Atlix as witnesses. To-morrow they will take us to Altar. Do me the favor not to tell my family. ALEJANDRO."

Atlix is more than fifty miles from the railroad, and there being no doctors, ice, nor any methods by which a body could be preserved, it is almost certain that burial has already taken place. Yours truly, RAMON VASQUEZ.

MINERS ARE FATALLY BURNED IN EXPLOSION

Three Slaves Meet Death in Terrible Form in a Pennsylvania Settlement.

CHARLEROI, Pa., June 19.—Three Slav miners were fatally burned by a powder explosion in the home of Nate Glaces, one of the victims, in the mining settlement of Twilight last evening. Three cases of powder were in a back room of the house. Mike Zynta and Sim Jnur were in the room smoking when the explosion occurred. None of the victims can recover.

Plot Discovered and Veiled in Mystery.

Secret Is Kept From Lucky Monarch.

Belgrade Horror Upsets Nerves of Nicholas.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, June 20.—A dispatch to the Morning Leader dated Moscow, June 17, says that reports were then current that an attempt upon the life of the Czar was only prevented at the last moment the other day at Tsarskoe Selo on the eve of the departure of the court for the imperial villa at New Peterhoff.

A would-be assassin attempted to gain access to the presence of his Majesty in the uniform of a superior officer of gendarmerie. There is much mystery about the affair, which has been hushed up for fear of its coming to the knowledge of the Czar, who is said to have been in a highly nervous state since the Belgrade butchery.

The correspondent describes a conversation he had with two university professors who knew of the attempt being made and frustrated, but did not know the details. They said it would be better not to discuss the incident just now. One of the professors claimed he learned directly from a member of the imperial entourage that the Czar's perturbation over the Belgrade catastrophe arose from the terrifying fact that regicides were military officers.

About the personality of the man who attempted the assassination of the Czar at Tsarskoe Selo nothing yet has transpired, and if the police and the Minister of the Interior can prevent the matter from becoming public, nothing more is likely to be heard of him. A cipher telegram of inquiry received from Kieff shows that a report of the attempt reached that city and Odessa last Tuesday night. During the last three days the palace guard has been doubled, but in such a manner as not to attract the attention of the Czar.

NOTABLE CONCERT ENDS NATIONAL SAENGERFEST

Closing Number, "The Star-Spangled Banner," Is Sung by a Great Audience.

ST. LOUIS, June 19.—The thirty-first National Saengerfest ended to-night with the fourth concert of a notable series. It is estimated that the saengerfest brought within the gates of St. Louis over 50,000 strangers. As a fitting climax for the entire season of festivity the closing number of the concert to-night was "The Star-Spangled Banner," participated in by the National Galachorus, the orchestra and over 15,000 voices from the audience and the effect was tremendous.

GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE MAY RUIN RICH LAND

Large Section of Montana in Danger of Devastation by Insects.

BIG TIMBER, Mont., June 19.—News comes from the Bridger Creek country that in all probability there will be a grasshopper plague in that section this summer. The young hoppers are reported to be so thick now that they arise from the ground in clouds upon being disturbed. This condition is said to extend over a large territory of range country. The grass, which has attained a very good growth, already begins to show the work of the insects and stockmen say that it is likely that within a few weeks the range will be practically denuded of all vegetation.

Prince May Visit the Fair.

COPENHAGEN, June 19.—It is intimated that the Crown Prince Gustave will pay a visit to the St. Louis exposition.

LOUD SAYS CAREFUL ADMINISTRATION IS REMEDY FOR ABUSES



FORMER CONGRESSMAN AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON POST-OFFICES AND POSTROADS, WHO DECLARES CAREFUL ADMINISTRATION IS THE REMEDY FOR SCANDALS IN DEPARTMENT.

Declares Postoffice Department Will Satisfy People Within a Year With a Clean Record.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The discovery of serious irregularities in the Postoffice Department, involving malfeasance by several employes, has caused considerable to be given to the question of safeguarding the administration of affairs in that department so as to prevent similar occurrences. Outside of postal officials themselves, who might naturally take a prejudiced view of the situation, no one is better qualified to suggest remedies than ex-Congressman Eugene F. Loud, who for several years was chairman of the House Committee on Postoffices and Postroads.

Loud was asked to suggest suitable remedies and whether it would be possible to enact laws which would prevent the repetition of recent irregularities. He said in his opinion it would be impossible for Congress to enact any legislation that would prevent a recurrence of the irregularities now under investigation, unless, perhaps, it was a law regulating the auditing of accounts. He regards the question as one of administration, which must be handled by officials of the department.

"It would not be possible," said Loud, "to formulate legislation that would prevent irregularities in the letting of contracts. The difficulty is not with the laws, but with administration. We will take a case of a contract for a patented article for which there is no advertisement. How is it made? By an assistant to the Postmaster General, through one of his bureau chiefs. The bureau chief looks into the matter and recommends the letting of the contract to a certain firm. He does not make the contract himself, but merely recommends it to his superior officer. The Assistant Postmaster General, relying, as he must, upon the integrity, reliability and judgment of the bureau chief, accepts his recommendation and signs the contract. Obviously Congress cannot legislate in regard to personal views.

ARGENTINA'S ADMIRAL IS DROWNED AT SEA

De Solier Becomes Ill on Yachting Trip and Is Washed Overboard and Lost.

BUENOS AYRES, June 19.—While on a yachting trip Vice Admiral Daniel de Solier became critically ill and when a wave swept the deck he was washed overboard. His body was recovered and taken to Montevideo. De Solier was the ranking officer of the Argentine navy. He was of French extraction, but was born in Argentina. He entered the navy at an early age and served with credit in the war with Paraguay from 1865 to 1870. He commanded the fleet which represented the Argentine Government at the Columbus Quadracentennial in Spain in 1902. He mobilized the Argentine navy, consisting of 104 ships of all types. De Solier, besides being popular in his own country, was much liked in Europe and by American naval officers.

Martin Baby Recovers.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 19.—The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Martin, which has been dangerously ill, has recovered. Mrs. Charles M. Oelrichs, Mrs. Martin's mother, a specialist from Boston and a retinue of trained nurses have brought the baby through its critical illness.

ATROCIOUS ROBBERY IS COMMITTED

Victim Strangled in Her Own Home.

Valuables Are Taken From Struggling Woman.

She Pursues Thief Through Prominent Streets but He Escapes.

One of the most daring robberies ever perpetrated in the city occurred last evening at 402 Geary street. Mrs. W. D. Logan, who conducts a lodging-house at this address, was nearly strangled to death by a stranger, who came into the house inquiring for a room. The robber got away with three rings belonging to Mrs. Logan, valued at \$300, and \$2 in cash.

About 10 o'clock last evening Mrs. Logan responded to the ring of the front doorbell and admitted a stranger. He said that he was looking for a furnished room and that he had just arrived from Sacramento. He was shown by Mrs. Logan the only vacant room in the house. The room was small, but the man said that he would rent the room that night and hoped that the landlady would have a larger room for him in the near future. Mrs. Logan said that she thought she would be able to arrange it satisfactorily and she asked her to make out a receipt for the first week's rent. While Mrs. Logan was leaning over the bureau making out the receipt for \$2 the man suddenly sprang upon her and clutched her round the throat. The unfortunate woman was powerless, and as she was wearing a big brooch in her collar, this only stopped her breathing all the more.

TAKES RINGS AND MONEY.

The robber coolly put his left hand down into the woman's chatelaine purse and took out the rings and money, and then releasing her, made a dash for the door. He ran down the stairs rapidly, with Mrs. Logan following after him, screaming, "Stop thief!" and "Police!" When the man reached the outside of the front door he held the handle for a few seconds, preventing Mrs. Logan from following him. When he released the handle Mrs. Logan followed him up Mason street to Post and up Post to Jones. She followed closely at the man's heels, calling for help and appealing to the men that passed to stop the thief. Either through some misunderstanding or cowardice, all the men appealed to refused to interfere. Mrs. Logan, with nervous excitement and weakness at length collapsed, and the last she saw of the man he was running up Jones street. Two policemen were in the block on Geary street, but for some unaccountable reason they failed to come to the woman's assistance.

The rings the robber secured in his booty are of the following description: A large diamond ring with emeralds, the setting is of Tiffany style, and one emerald is missing; a black pearl stone, pear shaped, set in a plain gold band ring, and also a sapphire ring. Mrs. Logan never wore the rings and two of them were family heirlooms.

DESCRIPTION OF ROBBER.

Mrs. Logan says the robber is a man between 25 and 28 years of age, about five feet eight inches in height, slight build, clean-shaven, and gives the name of McCarthy. He looks to be of Irish-American nationality. He wore a black soft felt hat, black sack coat, turn-down collar and bow tie with blue and white stripes in it. He was unshaven and would pass for a book agent or solicitor. Mrs. Logan says she has never seen the man before, but is positive that she could identify him again anywhere.

How Mrs. Logan accounts for having so much money in her purse is owing to the fact that she went down town yesterday to pay a bill of \$50. The man was not in to whom she wished to pay the money, so she decided to defer the payment for a few days. She says that she did not exhibit her money and how the robber was attracted to the house is unexplainable.

WORKED IN SILENCE.

The robber did not say a word after he had secured the booty and during his struggle with the woman he never threatened her life. The only trace he left behind was a butt end of a cigarette which he laid on the washstand in the bedroom and he dropped a Confederate \$2 bill on the floor in the hallway in making his escape.

At the time of the robbery Mrs. Logan was alone in the house with the exception of her aged mother, who is feeble and who did not hear the struggle. Mrs. Logan has owned the rooming-house for the last year and a half. Her husband is at present in Seattle, where he is sick in a hospital.

The police were notified and several detectives are scouring the city to arrest the robber. Up to a late hour this morning he had not been apprehended.

Ralston's Resignation Is Accepted.

SACRAMENTO, June 19.—Governor Pardee has accepted the resignation of Senator William C. Ralston as a member of the State Mining Bureau.

Engine Runs Into Freight Train.

SAN RAFAEL, June 19.—A collision occurred on the North Shore Railroad this morning near Corte Madera station. A special engine running from Sausalito to San Rafael ran into the regular up-country freight train. The fireman on the special engine was slightly injured and three of the freight cars were derailed. Traffic on the road was delayed for a short time. A misconstruction of orders is given as the reason for the collision.