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## KILLED BY ASSASSIN

### Minister Von Plewhe Assassinated By Explosion of Bomb This Morning.

### Carriage in Which He Was Driving Wrecked and Coachman Killed.

St. Petersburg, July 28.—Minister of the Interior Von Plewhe was assassinated at ten o'clock this morning while driving to the Baltic station to visit the czar's palace. A bomb was thrown under the minister's carriage, completely wrecking it. Von Plewhe's body was badly mangled and the coachman was killed. The assassin was arrested.

## DECISIVE SERIES OF BATTLES.

Japanese Hope to Force Russians Into Tight Corner.  
Tokyo, July 28.—It is believed in military circles here that the beginning of the end of the first great phase of the land campaign is at hand. The operations of Generals Oku and Nodzu against Kurapatkin's south front are thought to have co-ordinated with the forward movement of Kuroki against the railway, making it practically impossible for the Russians to escape a decisive series of battles. The Japanese hope to be able to defeat their enemy so thoroughly that an opportunity may arrive to arrange peace. Nevertheless preparations are complete for a campaign in the north should it be necessary for the achievement of the government's fundamental aims.

## BRISK FIGHTING OCCURRED.

Japanese Report of the Capture of Tatchekiao.  
Washington, July 28.—The Japanese legation has received the following dispatch from the foreign office at Tokio: "General Oku reports that on July 24 our army commenced an attack on the enemy posted on Tapingling and other eminences near Tatchekiao, which were fortified with strong defensive works. The enemy's line of operation extended over ten miles from east to west. The enemy consisted of about five divisions, with at least 100 guns. The right wing of our army reached the heights three kilometers southeast of Tapingling and there ensued the exchange of severe artillery fire. Our advanced lines had to withdraw until darkness before the enemy's artillery fire, as the local situation did not permit our artillery to fire with full effect. At 1 p. m. a detachment from our right wing dislodged the enemy from the position around Tapingling. Then, by successive attacks till daybreak, we captured all the positions commanding Tatchekiao and are now pursuing the enemy toward that place. Our casualties are estimated at 800."

## LEAVING THE RED SEA.

Russian Volunteer Steamers Bound for French Port.  
Perim, Red Sea, July 28.—Two Russian vessels, supposed to be the volunteer fleet steamers St. Petersburg and Smolensk, passed here during the morning bound for Jibuti, French Somaliland. They showed no colors.

Malacca Arrives at Algiers.  
Algiers, July 28.—The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship company's steamer Malacca, which was seized in the Red sea July 16 by the Russian volunteer fleet steamer St. Petersburg, has arrived here with a prize crew on board.

Vladivostok Fleet Sighted.  
Tokyo, July 28.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron was seen sixty miles off Tokyo bay at dawn. It then moved to the south.

## RUMORS REVIVED

### Illinois Board of Arbitration Interviews Packers and Strike Leaders.

### Seven Hundred Drivers Join Strikers' Ranks Owing To Their Sympathy.

Chicago, July 28.—Fire, tumult and picketing contributed to stirring scenes at the stock yards during the day, while the packers, firm in their stand, went ahead slaughtering stock and doing as much other work as possible in the circumstances. Convinced of an improvement in the situation, as far as available nonunion help and capacity otherwise of the plants were concerned, the packers had sent word to shippers to be somewhat more generous with their consignments, and as a result the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep were considerably larger than had been the rule during previous days of the strike. There were more men working, according to the employers, and more work for them to do. For the first time wholesale picketing was inaugurated. Hundreds of men were scattered to various corners of roadways as pickets. Amid all the warlike demonstrations there were reports of ardent wagoners who were peace conference between the packers and the striking butchers. Members of the state board of arbitration appeared at the office of President Donnelly during the day and held a conference with the labor leaders. The strike situation was gone into thoroughly and the arbitrators then left the office to seek a conference with the packing interests. Later President Donnelly and several of his aides left strike headquarters for a second conference with the state board of arbitration. Stock yards teamsters joined the packing employes during the day. Seven hundred of the drivers for the packing companies refused to go to work, the teamsters' joint council having endorsed the vote to strike and ordered the members of every other local union in Chicago to make no deliveries to the stock yards. Wagons from down town merchants and supply houses destined for the yards with consignments of rations for the barracks of the nonunion army there and supplies for the various plants were turned back from every gate. Not Employing Nonunion Teamsters. It was stated that the packers at present would make no general attempt to employ nonunion teamsters. Plans have been arranged to deliver meat by railroad to packinghouse branches in various parts of the city. Practically all the striking live stock handlers returned to their work in the yards during the day, an agreement having been made with them that they need not assist in weighing or delivering stock consigned to the packers involved in the strike. They are handling all stock for the independent packers, shippers, exporters and small butchers. To minimize the danger of rioting should the packing companies attempt to deliver meat to local consumers with nonunion teamsters Chief of Police O'Neill has given instructions that all hauling shall be done on Halstead street. The chief declared that all teamsters will be protected from violence, but to make this possible the hauling must be confined to one street, which will be strongly patrolled. The order calling out the packers' teamsters affects many other drivers as well. Clarence Hall is the first victim claimed by death as a result of the stock yards strike. Hall is dead at the Continental hospital. Last Tuesday he, with R. F. Keating, his employer, an ice dealer, was driving past a crowd of rioters. Two shots were fired, one of which struck Keating, passing through his leg and struck Hall. The police never ascertained who fired the shot. Kitty English, forewoman in the sewing department of Swift & Co.'s plant, was mobbed and badly hurt by a mob of girl strike sympathizers.

## FIRE IN LARD REFINERY.

Overheated Dynamo Starts Blaze in Chicago Stock Yards.  
Chicago, July 28.—Fire broke out among the packinghouses in the stock yards during the day in the lard refinery of Swift & Co. and soon gained such headway that every available fire engine in the stock yards district was called out. Rumors of incendiarism were rife. Examination, however, apparently showed the cause of the blaze to have been an overheated dynamo. The building, 150 by 250 feet and three stories high, was filled with tierces of lard, many of which exploded, spreading the burning grease in every direction. The firemen were hampered in going into action by numbers of cattle and sheep which were being driven toward Exchange avenue, the main thoroughfare of the stock yards. The fire threatened a number of buildings nearby, but the firemen managed to keep the flames from spreading.

## POLICE ARE POWERLESS.

Sheriff Asked to Take Charge at South Omaha.  
Omaha, July 28.—The board of fire and police commissioners of South Omaha, by resolution during the day, declared their inability to police the strike district in that city and requested Sheriff Powers to take charge of the strike. The sheriff went to South Omaha and later reported to the county commissioners that there was no apparent necessity for extra police or for deputy sheriffs. He said everything was quiet and that no lawlessness of any kind was being indulged in.

## STATUS OF MERCHANTMEN.

Russian Volunteer Steamers May Pass Dardanelles.  
Constantinople, July 28.—The Russian statement to the effect that vessels of the volunteer fleet hereafter will not be permitted to operate for war purposes is regarded in Turkish official circles as settling the question of their passage through the Dardanelles. It is held that as they will have only the status of merchantmen there is no reason to refuse them permission to traverse the straits as heretofore. The British cruiser Lancaster is still off the entrance of the Dardanelles. Two Captured Vessels Released. Suez, July 28.—The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship company's steamer Formosa, which was captured in the Red sea by the volunteer fleet steamer Smolensk, has been released. The sailing American liner steamer Holstia has likewise been released.

## Delayed by Russian Warship.

Island of Perim, Straits of Bab-El-Mandeb, July 28.—The British steamer City of Agra (last reported at Liverpool for Kurrachee) passed here during the day and signalled that she had been delayed by a Russian warship in the Red sea.

## STATE WINS FINAL APPEAL.

Minnesota Gets Title to Valuable Mineral Lands.  
St. Paul, July 28.—The state of Minnesota has won the final appeal in the contest for title to the thirty-seven-acre tract of mineral land on the Mesaba range, which the state auditor estimates has at least 2,000,000 tons of iron ore on which the state will receive a royalty of 25 cents a ton. The state auditor has received a decision from Secretary Hitchcock of the United States department of the interior holding that the tract in question is swamp land and therefore the property of the state under the swamp land grant of 1850. The decision of the secretary of the interior marks the close of one of the hardest fought legal battles in the history of Minnesota. F. A. Hyde & Co., who claim title to the land under forestry scrip, appealed twice from the decision of United States Surveyor General E. S. Warner of St. Paul and once from the decision of W. A. Richards, commissioner of the United States general land office. Both sides employed the best legal talent available. Secretary Hitchcock upholds the contentions of Minnesota in every particular.

## FEARS FURTHER TROUBLE.

General Bell Objects to Withdrawal of Colorado Militia.  
Denver, July 28.—Adjutant General Sherman M. Bell has expressed dissent from the opinion of Governor Peabody that the Cripple Creek district is sufficiently pacified to justify the withdrawal of the national guard. "I look for a clash now that military rule is ended," said he. "I have called off the militia," said Governor Peabody. "Now let the ungodly do the proper thing and call off the strike."

## NORTH DAKOTA DEMOCRATS.

Attempt to Depose State Chairman Brynjolfsson Fails.  
Grand Forks, N. D., July 28.—A. G. Burr of Bottineau was selected temporary chairman of the Democratic state convention and very early in the proceedings it was developed that a fight was on against B. S. Brynjolfsson, selected at the Fargo convention, as chairman of the state committee, in an effort to depose him. In the first test vote Brynjolfsson developed a strength that resulted in a motion objection to him being withdrawn.

## TO VISIT JUDGE PARKER.

M. F. Hegge of Traill county is the only man mentioned for governor and James Campbell of Morton and S. Serungard of Ramsey will probably be the congressional nominees.

## BAD BLAZE AT MORA.

Business Street in Minnesota Town Seriously Damaged.  
Mora, Minn., July 28.—Mora suffered the most disastrous fire in her history during the night, resulting in a loss of from \$60,000 to \$75,000 and the destruction of a full business street, comprising twelve places of business. The fire broke out in the S. M. Halvorson bakery in the center of the block and spread to adjoining buildings on either side.

## MILLERS WANT EXPORT RATES.

Say They Cannot Compete With Flour Manufactured Abroad.  
New York, July 28.—President Harriott of the New York grain commission presided over a meeting of the managers of the Eastern transit lines, at which the claims of the Northwestern millers were presented for such export rates on flour as shall place them in a position to compete with flour made abroad from American wheat.

## Terrific Hail Storm.

Escanaba, Mich., July 28.—One of the heaviest hail storms that has occurred in many years in Delta county swept over Escanaba during the day, covering the ground to the depth of fully an inch. Windows were broken and crops damaged.

## BALFOUR'S STATEMENT

### England's Premier Questions Right of Russia To Sink Neutral Vessels.

### British Government Demands Full Satisfaction For Loss of Ship.

London, July 28.—That the British government regards the sinking of the steamer Knight Commander as a breach of international law was confirmed by Premier Balfour in the house of commons during the afternoon. Answering questions regarding the destruction of the Knight Commander and the seizure of the Malacca and other vessels the premier said he hoped to be in a position to make a brief statement regarding the Malacca shortly. As to the sinking of the Knight Commander he "regretted that information which has reached me confirmed this regrettable occurrence."

## DEMANDS FULL REPARATION

GREAT BRITAIN RESENTS SINKING OF STEAMER BY VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.  
London, July 28.—The British government is sending instructions to Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador to Russia, to energetically protest against the sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander by the Russian Vladivostok squadron. Until the presentation of the note to the Russian government the greatest secrecy will be maintained regarding its contents, but it is known that Premier Balfour and his colleagues have decided to demand that the fullest reparation shall be made by Russia or measures will be taken to follow up the diplomatic demands. The British note, as Sir Charles Hardinge will submit it, will not mention the amount of indemnity Russia must pay the owners of the ship and British subjects having goods on board the vessel, but all that will be sought will be the establishment of the principle of indemnity and apology. A salicute of the British flag must also be conceded and the future protection of neutral shipping assured. The attitude of the British government is the result of the thorough consideration given to the reports received from Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister at Tokio, and the examination of international law authorities by legal experts. The dispatches from Sir Claude MacDonald confirm the reports that the Knight Commander had no contraband of war on board for Japan. The government and all the British authorities, it is asserted, unite on the point that there was no justification for the sinking of the vessel. It is felt in government circles that the Knight Commander incident overshadowed the Red sea seizures, which practically have been adjusted, but which have failed to settle the question of the rights of neutral commerce. In the light of the declaration of the Russian government respecting contraband of war made three weeks after hostilities commenced no representations have been made by Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain, to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne regarding the Knight Commander, the ambassador not having received advice from St. Petersburg on the subject, nor is it seen by the Russian diplomats how it is possible for their government to make prompt answer to the British demands. It is not known when the Vladivostok squadron will return to port. The commander of the squadron, it is pointed out, unquestionably seized the papers of the vessel including her manifest, and therefore will be able to present reasons to show why he sank the ship, and with these reasons in their possession the Russian authorities will be able to complete their answer to the British representations. Hiram Schnebly, owner of flouring mill interests in Wisconsin and also a prominent politician, was killed at Green Lake station by being struck by a train of cars. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Schnebly was seventy-two years old.

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