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DEED OF A DUSSIN

**GRAND DUKE SERGIUS, UNCLE OF
THE CZAR, MEETS TERRIBLE
DEATH AT MOSCOW.**

**BOMB IS THROWN BENEATH HIS
CARRIAGE AND HIS BODY IS
TORN TO FRAGMENTS.**

**TRAGEDY THE ACT OF LONE TER-
RORIST, DRESSED IN GARB
OF A WORKINGMAN.**

Moscow, Feb. 18.—Within the walls of the far-famed Kremlin palace, and almost underneath the historic tower from which Ivan the Terrible watched the heads of his enemies falling beneath the axe on the famous Red Square, and within a stone's throw of the great bell of Moscow, Grand Duke Sergius, uncle and brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas and the chief of the reactionaries, met a terrible death shortly before 1 o'clock p. m. The deed was committed by a single terrorist, who threw beneath the carriage of the grand duke a bomb charged with the same high power explosive which wrought Minister von Plehve's death. The missile was packed with nails and fragments of iron and its explosion tore the im-



GRAND DUKE SERGIUS

perial victim's body to ghostly fragments, which strewed the snow for yards around. Every window in the great lofty facade of the palace of justice was shattered and bits of iron were scattered 100 yards away.

The assassin belongs to the noted "fighting group" of the Socialist Revolutionary party, which has removed other prominent officials and long since passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius. The grand duke knew that he stood in the shadow of death. He was the recipient of repeated warnings, and elaborate precautions were taken to insure his safety; but all the resources of the gendarmerie, secret police and soldiers proved unavailable against an attempt almost exactly duplicating the procedure that caused the death of Minister of the Interior von Plehve last July.

Assassin Thrown to the Ground.

The assassin was thrown to the ground and stunned by the force of the explosion; but he quickly arose and ran toward the gate, attempting to escape. His haste and the blood streaming from his face where he had been wounded by fragments of the bomb, attracted the attention of a sergeant of police, who seized him before he could draw his revolver. "The man did not deny his crime, but, on the contrary, gloried in its success. He expressed his satisfaction that he had been able to kill the grand duke without involving the latter's innocent wife. He avowed his membership in the Social Revolutionary organization, but refused to give his name, and at the jail his papers were found to be forged.

The grand duke's coachman, who was badly injured, was removed to a hospital. Late at night he was still living.

Grand Duchess Elizabeth, who has been engaged daily in the task of preparing comforts for the sick and wounded Russian soldiers in Manchuria, was about to drive to the palace to join her husband. When she heard of what had befallen the grand duke she was driven in haste to the scene of the tragedy and knelt hatless and coatless on the bloodstained snow and murmured prayers for the welfare of the soul of her slain consort.

The scene of the crime was the great open triangle within the Kremlin, bounded by the arsenal treasury and courts of justice, in one angle of which is the Nicholas, or little palace, where the grand duke dwelt. At the opposite corner is the Nikolsky gate, the exit to the town beyond the ramparts.

Assassinated by Armenians.

Tiflis, Transcaucasia, Feb. 18.—A district official named Gnoutoff has been assassinated at Igdyr by Armenians. The motive for the crime was political. At Vagarshepad, Transcaucasia, the mayor has been shot and killed near his residence.

JAY COOKE IS DEAD.

**Aged Financier Succumbs to Afflictions
of Advanced Years.**

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Jay Cooke, whose fame as a financier is world-wide, is dead at the home of his son-in-law, Charles D. Barney, at Ogontz, a suburb of this city.

Mr. Cooke was eighty-three years of age. He had been complaining of the result of general debility, the result of old age, for several years. His condition was not considered serious, however, and his death came rather suddenly.

Jay Cooke was born at Sandusky, O., April 10, 1821. He began work at the age of fifteen and in 1838 became clerk for E. W. Clark & Co., Philadelphia bankers, and was afterward taken into the firm. In 1860 he founded the house of Jay Cooke & Co., which handled the larger part of the \$2,000,000,000 bonds issued by the government during the Civil war. Mr. Cooke afterward handled some enormous business enterprises, including the building of the Northern Pacific railroad. In the depression of 1873 the firm failed and a panic resulted. Mr. Cooke made a new fortune and was at the time of his death a large owner of Western lands.

STUDENTS ON STRIKE

**THOSE IN THE CAPITAL'S GREAT
UNIVERSITY TO SUSPEND
THEIR STUDIES.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—With the decision during the day of the student body of the great University of St. Petersburg to suspend studies for the remainder of the university year, almost the whole educational system of Russia has entered on a period of stagnation, the protest of the youth of Russia against the bureaucratic system and other governmental grievances. Other universities of Russia, gymnasia and even grammar schools were already on strike, and the military in various portions of the empire have been obliged to resort to force to restrain schoolboys of tender years, who are joining the general movement.

The meeting of St. Petersburg students, at which more than 3,000 participated, besides voting with unanimity to suspend studies until Sept. 1, adopted a set of political resolutions demanding the formation of a constituent assembly and characterizing the proposed summoning of the zemsky zabor as inadequate for the emergency. The resolutions, after speaking of "the progressive demoralization of Russia under the influence of the absolute regime," declare for freedom of speech, the press, conscience, the right of association and assembly, and to strike, which are described as necessary conditions for the further progress of Russia.

INCREASED ACTIVITY

**IMPRESSION PREVAILS AT TOKIO
THAT KUROPATKIN WILL AS-
SUME OFFENSIVE.**

Tokio, Feb. 18.—According to reports from the Shakhe river the Russians are showing increased activity on both flanks and are extending and strengthening their right. They also seem to be concentrating a heavy force on their left in front of General Kuropatkin. Fushun is the base of the late operations and it is estimated that the Russians there number six divisions. The impression exists that General Kuropatkin is preparing to assume the offensive. The weather is still unfavorable, but the excessive cold will soon be over.

Chinese reports to the effect that General Kuropatkin is preparing to abandon the Shakhe river line and retire northward are discredited here. The Russians shelled portions of Field Marshal Oyama's center and left on Thursday, Feb. 16. On Friday the Russian cavalry, in retiring from a recent attack upon Field Marshal Oyama's left, halted at Luchienfang.

GENERAL LEW WALLACE DEAD.

**Noted Author Passes Quietly Away at
Crawfordsville, Ind.**

Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 16.—Surrounded by his family, General Lew Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," one time minister to Turkey, and veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, died at his home in this city at night, aged seventy-eight years.

The health of General Wallace has been waning for several years and for months, despite the efforts of the family to keep the public in ignorance of his true condition, it has been generally known that his vigorous constitution could not much longer withstand the ravages of a wasting disease.

CONFIRMED IN WASHINGTON.

Venezuela Confiscates Property of Asphalt Company.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The state department during the day received a cablegram from Minister Bowen, dated at Caracas, stating that the supreme court had confirmed its former decree sequestrating the property in Venezuela of the American Asphalt company.

The action of the court brings the asphalt dispute to the critical point, for it is now incumbent upon the United States to make the next move.

ALL MAY BE KILLED

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE MEN
ENTOMBED IN THE VIRGINIA
MINES IN ALABAMA.**

**Accident Believed to Have Been
Caused by Cavein Due to the Giving
Way of Timbers—Both White and
Colored Miners Were Employed in
the Pit and Every Effort is Being
Made to Rescue Them Alive.**

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.—Meager reports say that 105 men are buried in the Virginia mines, eighteen miles from Birmingham. It is feared that all the men are dead. Relief trains carrying physicians and laborers have been sent to the mines. The men cannot be reached for many hours.

The mines belong to the Alabama Steel and Wire company, and are leased by Reid & Co. Both white and colored miners are employed, and only recently union miners went to work.

The slopes are well situated, and there has never been any trouble from gas heretofore. It is said that the accident was caused by a cave-in, due to the giving way of the timbers.

News of the disaster spread rapidly through the whole region. The camp is isolated except for one telegraph wire. The class of miners employed was good. The mines were working to their full capacity. No more is known and little probably will be known for some hours.

BY A FALL OF ROCK

**FIVE MEN KILLED AND THIRTEEN
INJURED IN A COLLIERY AT
POTTSVILLE, PA.**

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 18.—Five men were killed and thirteen injured in an accident on No. 2 slope of No. 1 colliery of the Lytle operation by a fall of top rock while a "gunboat" loaded with eighteen men on their way to work was going down the shaft. The bodies were not brought to the surface until noon.

Two of the injured were removed to the Pottsville hospital and although they are badly crushed about the body and legs their injuries are not thought to be fatal. The others were cut and bruised and suffered from other minor injuries.

The No. 2 slope where the accident occurred is known as the "gunboat" slope and is used solely for lowering workmen into the mines. Two tracks lead into the shaft. On the trip preceding the one on which the accident occurred some timbers on the shaft were disarranged and the men struck the disarranged props and tore others from the top of the shaft, causing a fall of rock. The greater part of the rock fell on the forward end of the car, crushing the five men seated there. Several men jumped from the "gunboat" when they heard the timbers giving way and escaped almost certain death.

MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED.

**St. Paul Butcher Killed in His Place
of Business.**

St. Paul, Feb. 18.—Christian H. Schindeldecker, a butcher, was murdered in a most shocking fashion in his butcher shop at 523 West Seventh street. His body was slashed and hacked in many places.

The corpse was found in the rear room of the shop by an employe of Schindeldecker at 12:45 p. m., almost literally cut to pieces. The murder was probably committed at 12:30.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

**Four Men Killed and Fourteen Others
Injured.**

St. Clairsville, O., Feb. 21.—Four men are dead and fourteen others are injured as the result of the explosion during the day of a stationary boiler at a mine of the Provident Coal company. The dead are William Adams, president local miners' union; Ell Minty, engineer; Frank Miller and Michael Milanach.

TWO PERSONS KILLED.

**Several Others Slightly Hurt in Train
Wreck in Iowa.**

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 21.—Two persons killed and several slightly injured comprise the casualties of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific flyer during the day, west of Wlota, when the train struck a broken rail. The dead are Rev. J. R. Johnson, Harlan, Ia., and Henry Metcher of Illinois.

Twelve Persons Injured.

Dayton, O., Feb. 21.—Twelve persons were slightly injured at night in a passenger wreck near Swanders, O., on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road. Two coaches were overturned on the account of spreading rails while running thirty-five miles an hour.

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