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A CONSPIRATOR'S BOMB

Killed M. Von Plehve, Russian Minister of the Interior.

Decisive Battle in Progress—Paymaster Robbed and His Driver Murdered—Serious Trolley Accidents. Strike Extends East—Paul Kruger's Big Fortune—Missouri Republicans.

M. Von Plehve, Russian minister of the interior, was assassinated Thursday morning by a bomb thrown at his carriage while he was driving to the Baltic station to take a train for the palace at Peterhof, where he was to make his weekly report to the emperor.



M. VON PLEHVE.

The assassination is believed to be the outcome of a widespread plot, the existence of which has been suspected for several days. Numerous arrests have already been made, including that of the assassin, a young man who is believed to be a Finn named Leglo, and who is now in a hospital severely and perhaps fatally injured by the explosion of his own bomb.

An accomplice of Leglo, also apparently a Finn but whose name is unknown, has been arrested. He had in his possession a bomb which he tried to throw but he was overpowered by the police just in time to prevent great loss of life.

The assassin stood on the sidewalk just as Minister Von Plehve's carriage was about to cross the canal bridge near the station. The minister was escorted by a number of detectives on bicycles and one of them jostled the assassin, who then rushed into the road and threw the bomb after the carriage. The missile struck the hind wheel and exploded with fearful force, killing or wounding over a score of persons.

Minister Von Plehve and his coachman were killed outright and an officer of the guard was fatally injured.

Minister of Justice Muraviev went to the Peterhof palace to report the assassination of Minister Von Plehve to Emperor Nicholas. His majesty did not leave the palace during the entire day, although he had arranged to go to Oranienbaum (19 miles from St. Petersburg) to attend the consecration of the new harbor.

The minister's death was instantaneous. When the body was undressed at his residence not a single wound was found on the trunk but the lower part of the face was literally blown away.

The press has not been informed of the tragedy in view of the hourly expectation of the birth of an heir to the throne.

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Crop conditions are, on the whole favorable, though irregularity in sections prevents generalization.

The movement of winter wheat to market, somewhat delayed this year, has at last begun in earnest. Coincidentally, improvement in collections is shown at some centers, and the demand for money from the country has increased.

The movement of currency to move the crops has assumed good proportions this week.

Speculation in stocks and cereals has quieted down somewhat, and clear- ups show reductions both from last week and last year.

Early reports of damage to winter wheat find confirmation in lower estimates of the southwestern yield, and in poor or indefinite threshing returns from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and parts of Missouri.

Spring wheat appears to have done well, except that reports of rust, due to previous excessive moisture, come from South Dakota.

Southern peach crops have been large and profits enormous. Georgia has assumed first rank as a peach producer, and a large area is going into new orchards.

Paymaster Robbed; Driver Killed. Charles Hayes, a driver for the Puritan Coal company, is dead and Patrick Campbell, the company's paymaster lies perhaps fatally wounded at the Altoona hospital, as the result of a brutal hold up and murder on the township road leading from Portage Blair county, Pa., to the town of Puritan, at about 10:15 a. m. Saturday.

The two men were in a buggy, taking a satchel containing about \$3,000 with which to pay the coal company's em- ployes at Puritan, from the Adams Ex- press office at Portage to the coal- town, when they were suddenly fired upon by three men armed with shot guns.

Hayes fell to the bottom of the buggy pierced by 37 buckshot wounds in his neck and breast and died about half an hour later. Campbell was hit in the shoulder and fell from the buggy. The highwaymen came out from their place of hiding in the woods to the right of the road, secured the satchel of money and escaped.

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The indications are that the Baltic squadron is on the eve of an important movement. Nothing regarding this can be ascertained officially, but many of the officers already have bade farewell to friends and families and are holding themselves ready for immediate service. The emperor had arranged to inspect the squadron, but his plan was given up owing to the assassination of Minister Von Plehve.

Jap. Administrator at New Chwang. Takayama, Japanese administrator of New Chwang, has arrived and is- sued notification to the population that New Chwang and Yinkow are now under Japanese control, and that lives and property will be protected.

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RUSSIANS GOING NORTH.

Kuropatkin's Reinforcements Stop at Harbin.

Skeleton Force to Be Left to Contest Japanese Advance on Vital Positions—Japanese Occupy Simou cheng, Cutting Off General Stakelberg From Joining Gen. Kuropatkin.

London, Aug. 2.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokio says there is reason to believe that after two days fighting the Japanese occupied Simou cheng, thus cutting off General Stakelberg from joining Gen. Kuropatkin.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—A report from an apparently reliable source was to the effect that General Kuropatkin's main force had been rapidly moving north for several days.

According to this report no troops proceeding to the front from Russia had gone past Harbin in the past three days.

They will be detained there and every available piece of rolling stock will be rushed south empty for the re- moving of troops at Liao Yang and other points to the northward, leaving a skeleton force to contest the Japa- nese advance on vital positions.

Movement of Black Sea Fleet. London, Aug. 2.—The Sebastopol correspondent of the Times asserts positively that the entire Russian vol- unteer fleet now in the Black sea, with other large steamers which have been taken over by the government, are under orders for government ser- vice outside the Black sea at an early date.

Count Tolstoi's Son a Volunteer. St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—Count Tol- stoi's son is leaving for the front as a volunteer in the Two Hundred and Seventeenth (Kromy) regiment of in- fantry.

GOODYEAR FOR GOVERNOR. Mr. Murphy Quoted as Speaking Favorably of His Candidacy.

New York, Aug. 2.—Charles F. Mur- phy, leader of Tammany hall, was quoted as speaking favorably of Charles W. Goodyear of Buffalo for the Democratic nomination for gov- ernor and there was some comment among Democrats who are about the hotels.

For the most part they endorse the view of Mr. Murphy as to Mr. Good- year's availability, but there is a be- lief that the up-state leaders will have to be consulted before any winners can be picked.

David B. Hill came down from Al- bany and soon after his arrival had a conference with Gird Meyer and Pat- rick H. McCarren. Mr. Hill would say nothing about the political situ- ation, nor would he make any comment upon the availability of Mr. Good- year as the Democratic candidate for governor.

Mr. Hill spoke of the death of Gov- ernor Pattison of Pennsylvania, men- tioning the all night session of the committee on resolutions at the Dem- ocratic national convention in which Governor Pattison participated.

He recalled the fact that in 1896 he participated in a similar session in which William A. Russell of Massa- chusetts took a prominent part. Mr. Russell also died soon afterwards.

Think Root Can Still Be Considered. New York, Aug. 2.—Governor Odell will return to New York today and will have a conference with members of the Republican state committee from districts below the Bronx. The gov- ernorship will be the most interesting feature of the meeting, although the chairman expects to learn from the members of the committee the polit- ical situation in their districts.

The name of Nevada N. Stranahan, collector of the port of New York, has been added to the list of available in case Ellihu Root absolutely refuses to accept, but friends of Mr. Strana- han say that he will not allow the use of his name. Some of the politicians around state headquarters think Mr. Root can still be considered available.

RECORD PRICE FOR POULTRY. A New York Breeder Received \$3,400 For 19 Chickens.

New York, Aug. 2.—A new price record for fancy poultry has been est- ablished in America, if not in the world, by George H. Northrup of Race- ville, N. Y.

He sold a flock of 19 birds, three cocks and 16 hens, for export to Ber- lin, Germany, for \$3,400. They were all of the rose combed Black Miner breed, one that Mr. Northrup original- ed himself.

The leader of the flock is the cock- Victor, a first premium winner in Chi- cago, Philadelphia and Boston, which sold for \$1,000. His brother, Head- light III, winner of seconds in Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston, brought \$500.

President Nord Causes a Sensation. Port-au-Prince, Hayti, Aug. 2.—At a public reception President Nord ac- cused the foreign population of rais- ing the rate of exchange in order to oppose the government. He added some threatening words which have alarmed the foreign colony. The rate of ex- change is 600 per cent.

What She Lacked. A superintendent of a Sunday school relates the following true incident: The title of the lesson was "The rich young man" and the golden text "One thing thou lackest." A lady teacher in the primary class asked a little tot to repeat the two, and, looking earnestly in the teacher's face, the child un- blushingly told her: "One thing thou lackest—a rich young man."

AMERICANS IN DISGUISE?

Johnstown Officers at Portage Have a New Theory.

Portage, Pa., Aug. 2.—A startling new theory has been advanced by Chief of Police Harris of Johnstown and several Portage officials. They are half of the belief that the men who committed the outrage on the Puritan road were not Italians, but Americans disguised as farmers. They base their theory on several points, principal of which is the fact that they knew of the existence of a gang of worthless, desperate men who infest this district.

They point to a dynamite outrage here about a year ago in which an Italian and woman were blown to atoms in a house. This is attributed to the same gang. Another view they take is that the men, attired to mis- lead any who might see them, threw off their garments in the bushes—one set of clothing having already been found—and immediately joined in the man hunt which began in a few hours.

The Johnstown officers say the roads in this section were so completely surrounded that it would be practi- cally impossible for the foreigners to escape, as the pickets on duty all around the suspected places ever since the commission of the crime would force them in course of time to sur- render or shortly starve to death.

Descriptions of the murderers, as they were seen by the children and two men near the watering trough in the Spring Hill road shortly after the hold-up, have been sent broadcast through the country, but the officials who sent them have little faith in ob- taining any results thereby.

That Theodore Adams of Phillips- burg, paymaster for the New York Transportation company, did not meet the same fate as that which overtook Hayes and Campbell is attributed to fate. Mr. Adams had with him in a buggy several thousand dollars, and was following Hayes and Campbell at a distance of about half a mile. It is thought that the three Italians hoped to find Adams and the two victims together and intended to kill all. This belief is strengthened by the fact that the men were ambushed at three separate places, about 20 or 25 feet apart.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC DEBT. At Close of Business on July 31 Amounted to \$980,781,413.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business July 31, 1904, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$980,781,413, an increase for the month of \$13,549,633. This increase is accounted for by the decrease of \$14,945,666 in the amount of the cash balance in the treasury, as compared with last month.

The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt, \$895,187,540; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,881,153; debt bearing no interest, \$387,824,521; total, \$1,284,822,992.

This amount, however, does not in- clude \$1,063,782,969 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand held for their redemption.

The cash in the treasury is classi- fied as follows: Reserve fund, \$150,000,000; trust funds, \$1,093,728,969; general fund, \$125,140,402; in national bank depositories, \$12,642,767; in treasury of Philippine Islands, \$7,316,537; total, \$1,298,829,675, against which there are demand liabilities out- standing amounting to \$1,094,717,495 which leaves cash balance on hand of \$304,081,579.

"China" 24 Times; Found Dead. Terre Haute, Ind., Aug. 2.—Coroner Tabor finds that Robert Fair, a Junior at the Indiana normal school, who was found dead, suffered from heart exhaustion, caused by "chinning" 21 times in succession while exercising in the gymnasium. Fair was not in robust health, and the sustained effort in raising himself with his arms to rest his chin on a rung of a ladder brought on cardiac trouble. He had recently been elected principal of the Clay City schools.

Mistaken For Bear and Shot. Sherman Mills, Me., Aug. 2.—Ed- ward McLaughlin, 72 years of age and married, was instantly killed yester- day by being shot through the head. He was mistaken for a bear by a com- panion, Granville Frank of this town. The men, in company with two others were on their way to MacWhoo lake through the woods when they became separated. Frank saw some bushes move and fired at what he thought was a bear.

Ventilation Through the Walls. The fact is that considerable ventila- tion is capable of taking place and quite a large exchange of fresh for bad air is effected through the walls of buildings. Many a room that is no- toriously stuffy could doubtless be made pleasant to live in by removing the solid paper or impervious coat of paint from the wall and substituting porous paper, or, better still, giving up paper altogether and using a distemper wash of pleasing tone.—London Lan- cet.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Short Items From Various Parts of the World.

Record of Many Happenings Condensed and Put in Small Space and Ar- ranged With Special Regard for the Convenience of the Reader Wh/ has Little Time to Spare.

The national Democratic committee unanimously elected Thomas Taggart of Indiana as chairman of the commit- tee.

Reports from New Chwang said that the Russians had been defeated in a battle east of Tachekiao and will be obliged to return to Liao Yang.

Fred Mason, the farm hand who shot and killed his father-in-law near Amber, N. Y., surrendered to the sher- iff and is now in jail at Syracuse.

A strike of gold and silver in large quantities has been made in an old abandoned lead mine in the Shawan- gunk mountains, near Otleville, N. Y.

Thursday. At Oneida, Pa., three miners and a boy were instantly killed by a bolt of lightning while sitting at a table.

Rioting was renewed at the Chi- cago stockyards and efforts at medi- ation made by the state board of ar- bitration failed.

From St. Petersburg it was an- nounced that the Russian army had retreated to Hal Cheng, having decided to withdraw from Tachekiao on Sun- day.

The state department at Washing- ton has received a protest of owners against the action of Russia in seiz- ing a cargo of American goods on board the Hamburg American steamer Arabia.

The British government has sent in- structions to Ambassador Hardinge to demand of Russia an apology and re- paration for the sinking of the steamer Knight Commander by the Vladivostok squadron.

Friday. With 800 casualties, the Japanese army of General Oku, combined with the Takushan forces, captured Tatchekiao on Monday.

Benjamin Lowe, a farmer living at Hunters' Creek, near East Aurora, N. Y., was killed by lightning while doing chores in his barn.

William Coleman, arrested in Har- lem, was taken to Cooperstown, N. Y., to face the charge of stealing the jew- els of Mrs. Clark, daughter-in-law of Bishop Potter.

The estate of the late William C. Whitney was appraised at \$2,242,101, and Mr. Harry Payne Whitney paid by check to the State \$222,222.84 in- heritance tax.

Ships of the Vladivostok squadron, a dispatch from St. Petersburg says, are enabled to take long cruises by means of a cleverly arranged system for coaling at sea.

Saturday. President George F. Golden of the Chicago Teamsters' union was arrested for interfering with a non-union teamster.

Russian accounts of the murder of Von Plehve say the assassin, Leglo, at- tempted suicide by shooting. He will recover from wounds inflicted by the bomb explosion.

Pacific Mail Steamship company's steamer Korea arrives safely at To- kio with more than \$1,000,000 on board, although it was reported she had been captured by the Vladivostok squadron.

Acting on a formal protest from the American owners of a portion of the cargo of the steamer Arabia, seized by the Russians, the state department at Washington orders Ambassador Mc- Cormick to obtain a full statement of the affair from St. Petersburg.

Munday. Vanderbilt lines, prompted by the moral sentiment of the public, move to abolish Sunday excursions.

Further reports from refugees who had fled from Port Arthur on Thurs- day indicate terrific fighting for three days. Tokio denies the city has fallen.

Chicago packers say that representa- tives of four of the allied trades unions have made overtures for rein- statement, but the leaders of the butchers disclaim any knowledge of such a move.

A trolley train bound for Manitou Beach on the Rochester and Manitou railroad Saturday night crashed into a train of three cars bound for Roches- ter, and the motor cars were tele- scopically. Thirteen persons were seriously hurt.

Tuesday. Sixteen German-Americans on a picnic excursion were injured in a trol- ley crash near Cleveland, Ohio.

Empire of Italian commission signs the final award on Venezuelan claims aggregating \$6,000,000, about \$600,000 being allowed with interest.

Robert E. Pattison, twice Demo- cratic Governor of Pennsylvania and twice controller of Philadelphia, died at his home in Overbrook, a suburb of Philadelphia.

Lieut.-General Comdg. Keller, Rus- sian corps commander, was killed by a fragment of a Japanese shell while opposing the Japanese advance along the railway near Haicheng.

WOMAN SHOT; SON HELD.

Assyrian Peddler Killed Under Mys- terious Circumstances in Her Bedroom.

Brownville, Pa., July 30.—Mary Da- vis, aged 55, an Assyrian peddler, was killed early Thursday morning under mysterious circumstances. With her son, Michael Davis, aged 25, she board- ed at the house of Nicholas Monsour in North Bend, Brownsville Hill, and they with a man and two women were sleeping in one room.

The sleepers were aroused by a re- volver shot and saw the Davis woman fall, after which the son lifted her to a cot. Three men held the man until officers and Dr. A. C. Smith arrived. An empty revolver was found on the floor, also four discharged shells.

The son said the revolver was ac- cidentally discharged. A theory was ad- vanced that he had shot his mother in his sleep. Still another was that the revolver hung on the wall and was accidentally knocked down by the woman.

The coroner's jury rendered a ver- dict that she came to her death from a gunshot wound, and recommended that Michael Davis be held for court trial. County Detective Alexander McBeth took the prisoner to Union town jail.

OIL STRIKE IN BUTLER. Best Well in Years Brought in On Territory on Hueselton Farm.

Butler, Pa., July 30.—The best oil well struck in Butler for several years was brought in Thursday night by Young Brothers of this place on the Hueselton heirs' farm, four miles south west of Butler. The oil is coming from the third sand, which is assur- ance that the well will be a great stayer.

As soon as the bit struck the third sand the well began spraying oil, and when five feet in the sand, the well was flowing at five barrels an hour. It is said to be still spouting at a rate close to 200 barrels a day. The strike is in old territory, several wells having been drilled on other parts of the Hus- elton farm 20 years ago during the Renfrew development.

Young Brothers have made two more locations on the Hueselton prop- erty, while the Boyer Oil company has located one well on an adjoining farm and the Southern Oil company is pre- paring to drill two wells on a nearby lease. Oil men are eagerly bidding for loose territory.

Explosion Ends in Suit. Greensburg, Pa., July 30.—James Nelbert of West Newton has brought an action for damages against the Fed- eral Supply company, asking \$10,000 James F. Nelbert, 12 years old, a son of the plaintiff, lost his life in a pow- der explosion on July 25, 1903. It is alleged that several boys, none of whom were more than 14 years old were asked by an agent of the com- pany to remove powder from a car or a sledge to the company's powder house. A can burst, it is averred, and was ignited by one of the company's men, who was smoking.

Miners Talk Strike. Scranton, Pa., July 30.—There is grave fear that the executive board of district No. 1, United Mine Workers will order a strike involving approx- imately 75,000 men, when it meets here next Monday to consider the ques- tion of the refusal of the coal com- panies to deduct check weights' wages. If the strike is ordered, prob- ably it will affect the whole anthracite region, as the companies seem to be combined in resisting the demand claiming it is tantamount to a recog- nition of the union.

Sloucum Medals For Policemen. New York, July 30.—Borough Inspec- tor Brooks, Inspector Schmittberger and Captain McDermott of the Pitt street station were presented with a gold medal each last night at a recep- tion which the East Side Citizens' as- sociation, composed of relatives and friends of the victims of the Sloucum disaster, gave in their honor at Lip- pig's hall, 101 Avenue A. The medals which are set with diamonds, are in- scribed: "For humane conduct, sym- pathetic zeal and kindness in relieving the distresses."

Dies in Mother's Arms on Train. New Castle, Pa., July 30.—Mrs. Eliz- abeth Sturgeon arrived home bearing in her arms the body of her son, Mur- ray, aged 11, who had died on the train. Mrs. Sturgeon and her son had been visiting relatives near Grove City. The boy was taken ill after eat- ing green apples, but the symptoms did not seem serious. Shortly after the train started he became violently ill and soon died.

Beating Brings About Death. Warren, O., July 30.—Andrew Cra- ver, a bartender at Leavittsburg, O., has been arrested and brought here upon the charge of causing the death of William Greshung, whose home is supposed to have been in Milwaukee Wis. Greshung became involved in a quarrel with Craver last Sunday morn- ing and was so badly beaten that he later died in a hospital at Youngstown.

Two Deaths From Collision. Sharon, Pa., July 30.—A passenger train and a freight train on the Penn- sylvania were in collision near here early yesterday and both trains were wrecked. Engineer James Robinson was instantly killed, Fireman Mc- Williams fatally hurt and two other trainmen badly injured. The cause of the accident is not known.