

ANARCHISTS IN DIABOLICAL PLOT TO MURDER AND LOOT IN NEW YORK

Attempt to Blow Up St. Patrick's Cathedral Fails as Detectives Grab and Extinguish Lighted Bomb Hurling at the Altar—Blowing Up of Church Was Intended to Be Signal for the Killing of Carnegie, the Rockefellers and Other Wealthy Men and the Start of Reign of Terror in New York City—Biggest Banks of the Metropolis Marked for Destruction and Pillage

By Associated Press.

New York, March 2.—An attempt to blow up St. Patrick's Cathedral with a bomb to-day and the arrest of two men by detectives who had been informed for months of their activities was followed by an announcement made at police headquarters that the arrests had balked an anarchist plot to kill with bombs Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and other wealthy men. Thereafter the anarchists, according to the police, were to inaugurate in New York City a reign of terror comparable only to the days of the French Revolution.

It was part of the plot, the police assert, for gangs of men armed with rifles and revolvers to appear simultaneously in various parts of the city to shoot and to pillage; the biggest banks of New York City were to be blown up and many wealthy men were to be slain.

Signal for Murder and Looting

The wrecking of the cathedral was to be the signal for the opening of the elaborate campaign of murder and looting. The next move, according to the police, was to place bombs in the homes of Andrew Carnegie, the Rockefellers and Cornelius Vanderbilt. So far had the plot progressed, toward this end, that the manufacture of the bombs, the police say, had already been started.

With these and other capitalists disposed of, the anarchists planned, according to the police, to invade the financial district and lay their bombs in the city's biggest banks. General looting was to follow.

For months a central office detective had worked in the inner circle of the anarchists, according to the police story, and had kept the detective bureau advised of all their plans. The detective, Frank Baldo, assisted in the manufacture of the bomb with which the attempt was made to-day to blow up the cathedral. The detective accompanied the bomb thrower to the edifice and sat with him while he lighted the bomb and hurled it at the altar.

Cathedral Alive With Detectives

Immediately the cathedral, in which 800 persons sat at worship, became alive with detectives whose presence had been unsuspected by the bomb carrier. Baldo, sitting beside him, placed him under arrest detectives sitting in the pews behind dashed into the aisle and stamped out the sputtering fuse. The congregation hardly realized what had happened when it was all over. There was no panic.

At police headquarters the alleged bomb thrower said he was Frank Abarno, a lithographer, 24 years old. Soon after he was taken to headquarters, detectives acting upon information given them by Baldo, arrested Charles Garbone, an eighteen-year-old boy, and charged him with complicity in the plot and with helping to make the bomb.

Detectives As Scrub Women

When Abarno entered the cathedral door, his bomb in a package under his coat and Baldo at his side, he walked on to a stage whose every setting had been placed there by detectives. Two scrub women on their knees in the vestibule through which he passed were in reality central office detectives. The white wigged priest who met them at the door and took them to a seat down near the front of the church and close to the altar was a sergeant of police. Just behind Abarno there entered the church, quite casually, two more detectives who followed the pseudo priest and took seats at his bidding in the pews behind. It was these men who saved the cathedral from damage by beating out the fire in the fuse.

Anarchist Quickly Arrested

Abarno realized the identity of his companion a moment after he had lighted from the glowing end of a cigar the fuse of the bomb which he carried un-

der his coat. The missile had barely left his hand, to lie for a moment on the carpet at the foot of the altar, when Baldo pinioned Abarno's arms behind him, told him that he was under arrest and started to leave the church. Abarno permitted himself to be handcuffed to his captor without resistance and walked meekly down the aisle with other detectives surrounding him.

Baldo had lived with the alleged anarchist since last December. He had obtained Abarno's complete confidence.

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200 CIVILIANS EXECUTED BY AUSTRIANS IN GALICIA

Lemberg, Galicia, March 2.—When the Austrians recaptured the town of Stanislaw, in Galicia, they condemned to death and executed something like 200 civilians according to trustworthy information which has been brought into Lemberg.

Among the men executed were two Polish restaurant proprietors and a number of railroad laborers. All had been warned by the Russian authorities, the Russians having been in possession of Stanislaw, to leave prior to the coming of the Austrians but the men refused, relying upon their Austrian citizenship for protection. The Austrians are said to have come into Stanislaw with prepared lists of citizens upon whom they had decided to inflict punishment for alleged offenses against the State.

Hundreds of prisoners including Bosnians and Turks are arriving daily in Lemberg from the south. Many of them come in with their limbs partly frozen. All except the Germans are half clothed, their feet tied in rags.

Harrisburgers Attend Hensel Funeral
A number of prominent Harrisburgers along with many State Senators and Representatives attended the funeral of William Uther Hensel, at Lancaster, this afternoon. Two special cars were coupled to train No. 2, which left this city at 1:50 o'clock.

GALE SAVES SECONDLINE TURK FORTS

French and British Fleets Temporarily Suspend Action on Account of Storm

WILL RESUME OFFENSIVE SOON

Essad Pasha Placed in Command of Turkish Forces at Gallipoli, Flanking Straits—Russians Claim to Have Repulsed Two German Army Corps

London, March 2, 12:10 P. M.—Operations of the French and British fleets against the Turkish fortifications on the Dardanelles, which during the past week had taken the warships of the allies some fifteen miles through this well-defended and narrow waterway, are at a standstill to-day on account of a gale of wind accompanied by a heavy mist which hinders the efficient marksmanship of the naval gunners necessary to reduce the second line of forts concealed by the hills.

This respite is likely to prove of benefit to the Turks but the allies, realizing the necessity of pushing any oriental offensive movement with energy, will resume the attack as soon as possible.

Hero of Janina in Charge

From Athens comes a report that Essad Pasha, of Albanian fame, the Turkish soldier who made his reputation as a strategist by the defense of Janina in the Balkan war, has been placed in command of the Turkish forces at Gallipoli, flanking the straits.

Petrograd reports the completion of Russian military operations around Przasnysz and claims to have thrown back to the frontier at this point two German army corps. Petrograd announces also the resumption of the offensive by the Russian forces in Galicia.

Berlin Reports Russians Repulsed

Berlin officially announces the repulse of Russian attacks north of Lomza and northwest of Ostrolenka, but says that otherwise there is nothing to report along the eastern front. News dispatches reaching here from Berlin say that a certain degree of pessimism prevails there on account of the reported reaction in favor of Russia all along the eastern battle line. Vienna, more communicative than her allies, reports successful action in the western sector of the Carpathians and artillery engagements in Galicia, where the Russians are said to have been heavily reinforced.

British Press Praise Asquith

The British press is virtually unanimous in praise of Premier Asquith's announcement yesterday of Great Britain's reprisals against the submarine warfare of Germany. The only discord in the chorus of praise in the criticism that possibly neutral protests might have been obviated by proclamation of a formal blockade.

The only reported activity in connection with German's submarine vigil is provided by a story from a British collier, which claims to have rammed a German submarine in the channel off the undersea boat had made an unsuccessful attempt to strike her with a torpedo.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The French and German official communications to-day agree that violent fighting is under way in the Champagne region, where the allies began an attack several days ago and that the losses have been unusually heavy. Berlin announces that new French attacks, made with strong forces, were repelled in most cases and that the French losses were enormous. The Paris statement claims progress for the allies at several points and asserts that the Germans suffered very heavily. Apparently the battle is the largest and most severely contested of any along the western front since the engagement at Soissons.

Minor battles have occurred in the Vosges and a report from the British commander, Sir John French says ground has been gained by his army, but operations in general along the line are unimportant except in Champagne. In Russian Poland the fighting apparently has become less intense at Przasnysz although the Russians assert that they are conducting a general offensive movement. The German official report states that Russian attacks at

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15 GIRLS LED FROM BLAZE BY BLUECOAT

Patrolman Romich Conducts Frightened Workers From the Fourth Story

FIRE QUICKLY UNDER CONTROL

Flames Below Shirt Factory of J. L. Shearer, 204-206 Market Street, Attract Crowd in Shopping District This Afternoon

Patrolman William Romich, on traffic duty at Third and Market streets, ran into the J. L. Shearer building at 204-206 Market street, at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon when a cry of "fire" was raised, went through smoke-filled halls to the fourth floor, where fifteen girls were employed making shirts, led them in safety to the street and averted what might have been a serious panic.

The girls were unaware that the building was burning below them until the bluecoat entered the room. He warned them that there was little danger if they remained calm and then he led them in orderly file to the street. When they reached the landing between the second and third floors, on the way out, the girls, peering through the smoke could see flames eating one of the partitions, but though frightened, they continued to follow the policeman down the stairs.

The fire started in the partition between the stairway and the Owl photo

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TROLLEY RECEIPTS UP; PROFITS DOWN

Gross Earnings Increase \$2,056 But Net Income Falls Off to Extent of \$41,027

OPERATING COST MUCH HIGHER

The 1913 Balance is Drawn on to Slight Extent to Meet Closing Year's Dividend Requirements—23,061,301 Passengers Carried

Stockholders of the Harrisburg Railway Company which operate the city trolley lines and those of several subsidiary companies at their annual meeting this morning re-elected to the directorate of the company the three members whose terms expired to-day; adopted the annual report showing the company's financial standing and then adjourned. There was no discussion of the threatened competition through the recent organization of the Jitney Transportation Company which expects to operate fifty auto buses here beginning early in the spring.

J. M. Cameron, S. F. Dunkle and Edward Bailey were re-elected directors, each for a term of three years. The eleven directors of the company will meet on Thursday, elect officers and lay plans for the new fiscal year.

The annual financial statement shows the company's gross earnings during 1914 were \$993,928.62 or \$2,056.76 more than was received during the previous year, but the net income was but \$95,027.84, a decrease of \$41,027.84.

The balance at the end of 1913 was \$31,321.71, which, added to the 1914 surplus account, made a total surplus of \$126,615.58. After deduction of dividends paid and accrued there was a

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160 MINERS TRAPPED BY EXPLOSION

Another Big Disaster Reported in the Coal Fields of West Virginia To-day

RESCUE PARTIES ARE ORGANIZED

After Repeated Attempts They Penetrate the Main Drift and Find One Miner Unconscious With His Legs Broken—Victim Will Probably Die

By Associated Press.

Hinton, W. Va., March 2.—An explosion occurred to-day in the mine of the New River and Pocohontas Consolidated Coal Company near Thurmond, W. Va. The mine connects with another mine, each employing 80 men, all of whom are believed to have been in the pits when the explosion occurred. Rescue parties were at once organized, and the fans were set going within fifteen minutes after the explosion, but two hours later none of the miners had been brought out.

Assistance was hurried to the mine from nearby towns, and a rescue car of the Bureau of Mines was ordered to the scene. After repeated attempts, one rescue party penetrated the main drift at mine No. 3 for a distance of about 100 feet and there found an unidentified miner lying, but unconscious. His legs had been broken and doctors said he probably would die.

The mine where the explosion occurred is a drift high up on Quinimont mountain and is in charge of H. M. Bertolotti as general manager.

As the day wore on additional volunteers entered the mine and by noon two forces of twenty men each were clearing away the fallen coal and rock in the main entry of mine No. 3. Half a mile from the entrance they came across another miner badly hurt and unable to tell anything about the explosion. Here they encountered a mass of debris and it was said that two or three hours must elapse before it could be removed and the workings beyond penetrated.

WILHELM J. MEHRING DIES

Well-Known Liquor Merchant Succumbs to Peritonitis Following an Attack of Appendicitis

Wilhelm J. Mehring, a prominent wholesale wine and liquor merchant, died at the Keystone Hospital at 6:50 o'clock this morning from peritonitis following a serious attack of appendicitis. He was 46 years of age and was born at Hessen, Germany, May 19, 1868. He came to this country in 1880 and at an early age learned the shoe-making trade, which he followed for many years. Later he was appointed a city patrolman by Mayor Patterson, serving until the close of that administration.

Following this Mr. Mehring entered the hotel business, running a hotel at Oberlin for two years. He first started business in this city at 933 Rose avenue, about 12 years ago. Later he purchased a store at Sixth and Cumberland streets, where some years ago he erected a large three-story apartment building. A few years ago he sold this building and his business to John G. Wall and erected a new building at 1901 North Sixth street, where he conducted business up to the time of his death.

Mr. Mehring is survived by his widow and one son, Wilhelm J., Jr., 419 Boss street; two brothers, Asper and J. C. Mehring, and one sister, Mrs. A. J. White, all of this city. No arrangements for the funeral have been announced.

PUTS THE SERVICE BOARD UNDER DEPARTMENT HEAD; CUTS SALARIES \$50,000



REPRESENTATIVE J. W. SWARTZ
Advocates Putting Service Commission in Internal Affairs Department

OBJECTIONS TO ASPHALT PLANT PLAN FOR THE FIRST WARD

Two Voters Appear Before City Commissioners With Protests Against the Purchase of Plot Offered By the McCormick Estate

Protests against placing the proposed municipal asphalt plant on a plot of ground owned by the Henry McCormick estate, at Ninth and Shanois street, in the First ward, were made to the City Commissioners in session this afternoon.

R. L. Roberts and Frank H. Downey, two First warders, appeared before the Commissioners after the Lynch ordinance, which provides for buying the McCormick ground, passed first reading, and said that First ward residents generally are opposed to the plan.

The plant they said, would constitute a nuisance, no less objectionable than existed before the Paxton creek improvement work was started. If necessary, they said, they would circulate a petition among the First ward residents, obtain the signatures of those who are opposed to the plan and show the City Commissioners that the opposition is not confined to a few persons.

Lynch, the author of the ordinance, said there is no intention to rush the ordinance through and, since it first must be passed upon the City Planning Commissioners, the First ward residents will have ample opportunity to make further protests if they so desire.

Contracts for the construction of sewers in Lexington, Reel, Fifth and Wisconsin streets were awarded to W. F. Martin at his bid of \$4,638. David R. Elder, of Elizabethtown, has been the low bidder on these jobs, but he failed to file the necessary bond.

Mrs. Marian B. C. Watts was exonerated from paying the 1914 taxes on her home and six-acre tract in the upper end of the city which for years have been used as the Maple Hill playground. Mrs. Watts has not been charged the city rental for the property.

AGREES ON SUFFRAGE MEASURE

Judiciary General Committee Decides to Report It Favorable to Senate

By a vote of 8 to 7 the Senate Judiciary General Committee, at a special meeting this morning, decided to report favorably to the Senate the suffrage amendment to the constitution.

It was said that there will be no public hearings while the measure is on its way through the Senate, but it will go through the regular course and be considered as it comes up on the calendar.

The vote in committee to report the measure out was as follows:
For—Clark, Hoke, Schantz, Sprout, Patton, Jenkins, Phipps, Hindman—8.
Against—Beidleman, Buckman, Salus, Daix, Thompson, Magee, Tompkins—7.

The bill was reported favorably to the Senate by Daix, of Philadelphia, after which the Senate adjourned to meet next Monday night at 9 o'clock.

Liquor Decisions Still Withheld

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Dauphin county court had not yet disposed of the liquor license applications of the Paxton Inn, Paxtonia; Ann Street Hotel, Middletown, and St. Lawrence Hotel, Berrysburg, which have been held over since last week.

Swartz Bill, Introduced This Morning, Reduces the Number of Commissioners From Seven to Five and Transfers Them to Proposed Bureau of Department of Internal Affairs

DUTIES ARE TO REMAIN SAME

Sponsor for Measure Asserts That Present Act Is Unconstitutional and That His Plan Removes This Obstacle

A measure placing the Public Service Commission under the head of the Secretary of Internal Affairs, as a bureau of that department; making five commissioners instead of seven; reducing their salaries as well as the salaries of the employees to the total extent of \$50,000 a year, was introduced in the House this morning by Assemblyman Joshua W. Swartz, of this city.

Mr. Swartz contends that the Public Service Commission, operating as it now does as an independent body unattached to any state department and not under the direct supervision of the Secretary of Internal Affairs, is at variance with the State constitution. This, he said, was the principal reason for the introduction of his bill.

While the measure on its face repeals the Public Service act which was enacted at the last session of the General Assembly, it actually re-enacts the main features of that measure by making the commission a bureau in the Internal Affairs Department to be known as the Public Service Bureau of Pennsylvania, Section 11, Article 17, of the State Constitution, to which it is held, the present public service act does not conform, is as follows:

What the Constitution Says

"The existing powers and duties of the Auditor General in regard to railways, canals and other transportation

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PROVIDES A TAX RECEIVER

Bill Introduced by Senator Beidleman Would Include Dauphin County in Its Provisions

Senator Beidleman to-day introduced in the Senate his bill creating the office of receiver of taxes in counties of between 90,000 and 150,000 inhabitants, which includes Dauphin county.

The bill provides that the Governor shall appoint such receiver of taxes to serve until the first Monday of January, 1916, or until his successor is elected or qualified. A receiver is to be elected in 1915 and every four years thereafter to serve four years and the Governor shall fill all vacancies.

The receiver shall have a salary of \$3,000 a year and may appoint two deputies of \$1,500 each. He shall have an office in the Court House and the County Commissioners must furnish him with all stationery, blanks and postage. He shall collect all county, city, borough and township taxes, and outside of at least two days in each city, borough, town and township for the purpose of receiving taxes.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.
New York, March 2.—Extensive buying of Reading resulted in another general rise in the final hour. The notable exceptions were distillers issues, the stock and bonds scoring five point declines. The closing was steady. Stocks pursued an uncertain course to-day, the foreign situation giving rise to renewed apprehension.