



PLOT TO KILL CZAR

Admiral's Daughter One of Suspects Arrested.

SCORES OF HOUSES SEARCHED

Girl, Eighteen, Who Lived in Luxury, Found Carrying Revolutionary Manifesto Written in Invisible Ink.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—Another plot to kill the czar and other members of the imperial family has been discovered here, and one of the suspects arrested is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Rear Admiral Batakoff, who is wealthy apart from the emoluments of his naval office and lives in a splendid mansion on the Nevsky Prospect.

The police raided the headquarters of the Union of Clerks and Shop Employees and arrested two men who were found on the premises. They searched the place and discovered a number of manifestoes and a quantity of correspondence and illegal literature.

As they were about to depart a young girl appeared and was immediately arrested. She was found to be carrying a roll of paper which turned out to have upon it a revolutionary manifesto written in invisible ink.

The manifesto spoke of the intended destruction of the czar and several of the imperial dukes. She was identified as a daughter of Rear Admiral Batakoff of the Russian navy.

Six other persons were subsequently arrested, one of whom is the daughter of a colonel. The police afterward made domiciliary visits to scores of houses, and many additional arrests were made.

The arrest of Lakuhpin, former chief of the police of the empire, on the charge of being a revolutionist has created a great sensation.

The circumstances of his arrest were dramatic. His house was surrounded by police, who wore bullet proof cuirasses. Lakuhpin was awakened and appeared half dressed. When the order for his arrest was shown to him he replied calmly, "Gentlemen, do your duty."

Former Minister Prince Urusoff, a brother-in-law of Lakuhpin, arrived at the house while the police were searching it and was placed under arrest. But he was liberated after having been searched.

Other residences were visited by the police, including one occupied by M. Sliosberg, an advocate who acts for the ministry of the interior.

TO RULE ON RACING TODAY.

Locke Law Case in New Orleans Has Novel Features.

New Orleans, Feb. 2.—A decision in the trial at Gretna of Jack Sheehan, charged with having violated the Locke law in the taking of bets at the Suburban race track, is expected today from Judge Edrington.

The trial attracted big crowds to Gretna, the parish seat of Jefferson. District Attorney Marraro upon being placed on the stand stated that he had not noted any violation of the law, but that as the governor had declared there was a violation he thought it best to step out of the way and refuse to prosecute.

Joseph A. Murphy, who was presiding judge at the Suburban park track, was a witness for the defense. He declared that the system of betting in vogue at the Suburban did not constitute a betting book and entered into a detailed explanation of the system.

URGES STATEHOOD BILL.

President Elect Favors New Mexico and Arizona Measure.

Washington, Feb. 2.—National Chairman Hitchcock is here with a message to senators and members of the house from President Elect Taft to the effect that he is strongly desirous that the bill for statehood of New Mexico and Arizona pass this session.

Despite this Senator Aldrich is disposed to hold up the bill. Senator Beveridge of the territories committee is opposed to admission.

OLDEST WOMAN RESIGNS.

Mrs. McCoy Had Been Postmistress For Forty Years.

Greenville, Pa., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Mary McCoy, aged eighty-six years, the oldest woman postmaster in the United States, has resigned her position at Sheakyleville, Pa., which she filled for forty years.

Mrs. McCoy was appointed by President Johnson and in the early years of her service carried mail from Meadville in addition to her other duties.

CANAL READY IN 1915.

Promise Made to President Elect Taft by Colonel Goethals.

Culebra, Panama, Feb. 2.—"I can promise that ships will be passing through the Panama canal on New Year's day, 1915," said Colonel Goethals, chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, to President Elect Taft on the completion of their inspection of the Culebra work, which is nine miles long.

"I am more than delighted with the progress of the work," said Mr. Taft in reply. "The plans are working out just as they should, and the work is going ahead as it ought to. The engineers tell me that there is nothing to be criticised."

Colonel Goethals' statement is the first in which he has definitely promised that the canal will be completed by the 1st of January, 1915. He is thoroughly satisfied with the plans and progress of the work and feels that he can predict the finish of the work with accuracy.

MAYOR'S BROTHER FREED.

George Busse of Chicago Not Blamed For Killing Woman.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—George A. Busse, brother of the mayor, was exonerated from all blame for the fatal shooting of Mrs. Lucius C. Tuckerman by the coroner's jury.

All possible evidence tending to explain the tragedy was heard, and it showed that the discharge of the revolver in Mr. Busse's hands and the course of the bullet were parts of a shocking accident.

Brigadier General A. C. Girard, father of Mrs. Tuckerman, said: "In my opinion the shooting was entirely an accident. Under the circumstances no shooting with intent to hit any one was possible."

Mrs. Girard told much the same story as her husband. "I became acquainted with the Busse family a few weeks ago, and our relations were entirely friendly. The shooting undoubtedly was an accident."

His bail, \$1,500 given by the American Bonding company, was forfeited, and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. Samuel Bell Thomas, counsel for the fugitive, seemed surprised at Brandenburg's failure to appear in court.

Another accusation she makes is that he confronted her with a shotgun in his hands and made the remark that he could "blow out what little brains she had."

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BROKAW DENIES.

Says Wife's Charges of Cruelty Are Untrue.

DECLARES HE WILL FIGHT SUIT

Inhuman Treatment and Abandonment Alleged by Woman Who Married Millionaire Eighteen Months Ago.

New York, Feb. 2.—Through Eugene Bushe, his counsel, William Gould Brokaw, today made emphatic denial of the charges of cruel and inhuman treatment and abandonment made by his wife, Mary Blair Brokaw, in her suit for separation.

Mr. Brokaw declared that the charges were untrue, that he was not to blame for the ill success of his matrimonial venture and that he would vigorously contest the suit.

Mrs. Brokaw, who was married to the young millionaire on Sept. 16, 1907, declares in her complaint that while they were at the Hotel Netherlands, in New York, on Nov. 10, 1907, her husband disguised himself by putting on a false beard and a wig and, taking his secretary with him, went around the corner, where an automobile was waiting for him.

He went in the auto to Jersey City and telephoned from there to his wife, she alleges, to meet him at the Laurel House, in Lakewood. She went to that hotel and tried to reach her husband, but he got away by means of a fire escape.

Mrs. Brokaw says that her husband insisted that she should not eat in public dining rooms or go out on the street, even if accompanied by her maid. She says that he wanted her to remain in her apartments at all times and not to meet or speak with friends. At various times he accused her of flirting with old friends, she says.

Mrs. Brokaw declares that her husband at all times used vile language to her. At any hour, day or night, he would break into her room and accuse her of various offenses. She says that she started a system of espionage and intercepted and read her letters.

He even, complains the plaintiff, asked the cabmen where his wife had been, although she had informed him on that point, and declared that she should not talk to any one when he was not around.

On New Year's day, 1908, there was a house party at High Point, which Mrs. Brokaw describes. Among the guests were Senator and Mrs. White of Syracuse, Justice Gildersleeve, Mrs. Potter of Boston, Thomas Sturgis, Samuel Willetts, last master of the Meadow Brook Hunt club, and Mr. and Mrs. Jules Bache.

Mrs. Brokaw sets forth that her husband grew angry, said that she was unduly attentive to some of the guests and called her vile names. She went to her room in a hysterical state, and he went to his room, where he put on his hunting costume, after which he returned to her and told her, it is alleged, to "go to — out of my house!"

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PRESIDENT IS VINDICATED.

Miss Rhodes Mother Says Daughter Was Not Struck.

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JUNKS BURN; MANY DIE.

Hundreds Lost in Flower Boat Disaster in Harbor of Canton, China.

Canton, China, Feb. 2.—At least 200 lives were lost in the fire which swept through the fleet of flower boats. The bodies of 170 victims have already been recovered, but many persons are still missing. The fleet was sunk in a typhoon last July, but was at once rebuilt.

BLOW TO TRUSTS

Farreaching Decision by the U. S. Supreme Court.

ILLEGAL COMBINES OUTLAWED.

Judges Hold That Combinations Formed in Restraint of Trade Cannot Enforce Contracts or Collect Bills.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The decision of the United States supreme court in the matter of the Continental Wall Paper company is held by lawyers to be a crushing blow to illegal trusts and combinations formed in restraint of trade.

In this case the court for the first time laid down the broad principle that an illegal combination in restraint of trade has no standing in court when it attempts to enforce contracts made in connection with such illegal agreements.

The case was brought by the Continental company to collect a bill of \$56,762 for wall paper sold to Louis Voight & Sons' company of Cincinnati.

The Continental Wall Paper company is what is known as a "holding company" for the National Wall Paper company and other manufacturers of wall paper.

It controls thirty factories in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts, producing 98 per cent of the domestic output of wall paper. The articles of agreement show that the National company was to select three directors of the Continental company, three were to be chosen by the other manufacturers, and the six were to elect a seventh, which board was to have entire management and control of the affairs of the thirty factories and their output.

They also provided for the stifling of competition by agreements as to selling prices, which were fixed by the directors, and refusal to sell to any who cut the prices so fixed.

In delivering the opinion of the court Justice Harlan said it was practically admitted by the Continental company that it had a monopoly of the manufacture of wall paper in the United States and that the effect of the combination of the various factories was directly to restrain as well as to monopolize interstate trade and commerce in manufacture, sale and transportation of wall paper.

Therefore the sole question was whether a judgment for the Continental company would not be in execution of illegal agreements upon which that combination was based, thus violating the well established rule that a court would not lend its aid toward carrying out the terms of an illegal agreement. Justice Harlan added:

The suit was based upon agreements to which both were parties, which had for their object and had the effect to accomplish the illegal ends for which the trust was organized.

If judgment were given for the plaintiff the result would be to give the aid of the court in making effective the illegal agreements that constituted the forbidden combination.

We hold that such a judgment cannot be granted without departing from the statutory rule, that a court will not lend its aid in any way to enforce or to realize the fruits of an agreement which appears to be tainted with illegality.

It is of no consequence that the present defendant company had knowledge of the alleged illegal combination and its plans or was a party thereto. Its interest must be put out of view altogether when it is sought to have the assistance of the court in accomplishing ends forbidden by law.

DISCUSS AID FOR THE POOR.

New York Charities Association Meets in Albany Today.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Governor Hughes will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the State Charities Aid association, which will be held in this city today. The topic of the meeting will be "The Prevention of Public Dependence," and the governor will speak on "Co-operation of Public and Private Agencies in Preventative Philanthropy."

Homer Folks of New York, secretary of the association, will deliver the introductory address on "What the State Charities Aid Association Stands For."

FORTY-SEVEN MEN DROWN.

Captain and Crew of British Steamer Lost on Australian Coast.

Melbourne, Feb. 2.—The British steamship Clau Ranald is a total wreck near Edithburg, and the captain and forty-six of the crew, most of whom were Asiatics, were drowned. The vessel was seen drifting ashore, but sank before boats could reach her. Eighteen members of the crew, including twelve coolies, were picked up.

The Clon Ranald was struck by a heavy sea and rendered unmanageable. Then, being driven ashore, she capsized.

OBITUARY.

James L. Hackett died at his home near Autumn Leaves, this county, on Monday of last week, Jan. 25, 1909, after a short illness, of lobular pneumonia. He was fifty-three years of age and is survived by his wife. The funeral services were held at the residence on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. H. C. Leach officiating. Interment in the family plot on the farm.

Andrew Marling died at his home near Lackawaxen, Jan. 27, 1909, after a long illness of rheumatism and other ailments incident to advanced years, aged 82 years, 2 months and 16 days. He was a farmer and had lived near Lackawaxen for forty-five years. He leaves a wife who is suffering from paralysis; three sons, Joseph, of Wisconsin, and Henry and Nicholas of Lackawaxen; and nine grandchildren, all living at Lackawaxen. Funeral services were held in St. Mary's church in that village, on Saturday morning; Rev. P. J. Lynott officiating. Interment in St. Mary's cemetery.

Mrs. Anna Louise Jadwin, wife of Henry B. Jadwin, brother of Hon. C. C. Jadwin, of this place, died at her home in Carbondale, at an early hour Saturday morning. Death was due to liver trouble from which she had suffered for over a year. Mrs. Jadwin was a native and life-long resident of Carbondale. She was born on July 1, 1843. Her maiden name was Anna Louise Aitkin, and she was a daughter of John Aitkin, who was one of that city's earliest settlers. Besides her husband, she is survived by one brother, John W. Aitkin, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. M. J. Shields, of Scranton; Mrs. I. L. McMillan, Miss Mabel M. Jadwin, and R. H. and H. H. Jadwin, all of Carbondale.

The death of Rev. Robert W. Van-Schoeck occurred in Holland, Michigan, on Monday of last week, at the age of sixty-seven. The Reverend Doctor was well-known throughout the bounds of the Wyoming Methodist Episcopal Conference, and will be no where held in more tender and appreciative remembrance than in the Honesdale district, where he served most acceptably as presiding elder for several years. He was at times pastor of various prominent churches in the conference, and wherever he was stationed, made warm and lasting friends. Several years ago he was injured in a railroad wreck, and for some time past he had been in feeble health. His wife died several years ago, and his home had latterly been with his daughter, Mrs. Ella Gawdy, at Holland, Mich., where he died. While not a great or deep sermonizer, he was plain, earnest and convincing, and of such a sunny temperament and winning manners that he was, perhaps without exception, the best man in the conference to solicit needed funds for various church causes. His whole life, from early manhood up to the time of his death, was spent in active work in the pulpit and church causes, and he has won the crown and reward which he so richly merited.

Edward L. Fuller, of Scranton, president of the International Salt Company, railroad director, financier and philanthropist, died in Augusta, Georgia, on Friday afternoon last, of a stroke of apoplexy, aged 57 years. On the advice of his physician Mr. Fuller went to Augusta on the previous Saturday for the benefit of his health, although it was thought by his friends that he was only slightly indisposed, and simply in need of rest from the exacting of his extensive business interests. A few weeks since he contracted a severe cold, from which, however, he appeared to have nearly recovered, when an attack of ptomaine poisoning, resulting from eating some unwholesome oysters, aggravated a latent kidney trouble, and it is believed was the superinducing cause of the apoplectic stroke. At the time of the seizure he was thought to be rapidly improving, and a telegram to his Scranton friends on the morning of his death stated that he was in tip-top shape. The body was brought back to Scranton for the funeral services and interment. Mr. Fuller was born in Hawley, Oct. 10, 1851, and was the son of E. C. Fuller, descendant of a New England family. The elder Fuller went to Scranton when that city was yet a village, and was until his death one of its most prominent and influential citizens. The son inherited all the strength of character that was in the father and was, in the purest sense of the term, self-made. He met with business reverses early in his career, but rose superior to them all, and died one of the wealthiest of Scranton's many wealthy citizens. He was married in 1876 to Helen M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Silkman, of Scranton, who, with one son, Mortimer B. Fuller, long actively associated with him in business, survives him. Besides his handsome summer residence, Mr. Fuller also maintained an attractive summer home at Dalton.

STATE FAIR ENDORSED.

Two Wayne Counteans Honored—W. C. Norton and W. E. Perham at the Head of Two State Organizations of Breeders and Dairymen.

Resolutions were passed at a joint session of the Breeders' Association and Dairy Union in Harrisburg on Thursday last, endorsing Dr. Leonard Pearson's department for the excellent manner in which it is wiping out the hoof and mouth disease among cattle, the National Dairy show to be held in New York, and the Jones State Fair bill, which will be presented to the Legislature this week. These officers were elected:

Dairy Union, president, W. E. Perham, Niagara, Pa.; vice president, J. G. Reist, Mount Joy; secretary, H. E. VanOrman, State College; treasurer, M. E. Reeder, Muncy.

Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders' Association, president, W. C. Norton, Waymart; first vice president, Dr. Leonard Pearson, Philadelphia; second vice president, M. P. Shoemaker, Greensburg; secretary, E. S. Bayard, Pittsburg; treasurer, J. F. Lantz, Wyebrook.

Exhibits of prize corn, ten ears to each exhibit, sold at the joint session of the organizations for as high as \$22. The auction of the corn exhibits, which had been awarded prizes on Wednesday afternoon, was held in the Chestnut street hall, after the addresses of well known breeders and educators.

The corn comprised fine examples of yellow dent, white-capped dent, white dent and flint. The bidding at times, when some blue ribbon exhibits were offered was spirited.

The least paid for any ten ears was one dollar, and after the auction had ended many more ears from the exhibit were sold for a like sum. The idea in purchasing the prize corn at that price is that the advertisement received by the purchaser will add value to the corn when grown and add materially to the value of the corn as seed next fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The MEN OF SEELYVILLE will have one of their popular OYSTER SUPPERS at the Chapel, on Thursday evening, Feb. 11, 1909. Look for further announcements.

Special topics with Bible reading at the Baptist church every evening this week. E. M. Peck, of Carbondale, will be present Wednesday evening. Business meeting to follow.

Katz Brothers announce their semi-annual muslin underwear sale.

Everybody welcome at the twenty-five cent supper to be served by members of the Episcopal Sunday school, in their rooms, Thursday, Feb. 4th. First table at 5:30.

Harry W. Toms is the happy possessor of a fine Munn piano, bought of W. J. McIntyre.

Kellam.

FEB. 1st.—We are having plenty of cold weather and snow, and if the saying is true that the last three days of each month rules the next, February will be a cold month.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stalker have a boarder. It's a boy, weighing eight pounds, born, Jan. 23, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Teeple arrived here from New York last Saturday. They will build on their farm in the spring and live here.

Munson Adams and Wm. Ryan, of Port Jervis, spent Sunday here at the home of the latter.

Mildred Davis is assisting Mrs. Reuben Stalker for a few weeks.

Mrs. George Skinner was called to Deposit, Sunday, by the illness of her mother.

Milanville.

JAN. 28th.—Miss Minnie Gay left on Saturday morning for Union, N. Y., to visit her sister, Mrs. H. H. Dresser.

Mrs. Florence Brown and son, Frank, of Scranton, arrived Thursday evening to spend some weeks in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, of Jersey City, are holding meetings at the school house. Mrs. Warren Yerkes and Mr. and Mrs. George Lassley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Volney Skinner last week.

Dr. Perkins, of Carbondale, made professional calls on Mrs. W. H. Connor and Frederick Kepple on Sunday last.

Henry Lange spent a few days last week at Halstead, Pa.

W. J. Tyler was nominated for supervisor by a large majority at the Republican caucus held at Atco on Saturday last.

Mrs. C. Van Norris and daughter, Lulu, of Cripple Creek, Col., Miss Lulu Cuddeback, of New York city, and Miss Anna Reilly, of Cocheton, were guests of Miss Bessie R. Skinner recently.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Swedson died Wednesday morning of whooping cough.

George Abraham has bought the saw mill formerly owned by Skinner Bros., and is driving logs into the mill yard.