

# RUSSIAN MINISTER KILLED

## Assassin Throws a Bomb in the Streets of St. Petersburg.

### THE ASSASSIN WAS CAPTURED.

#### Minister of Justice Stoned While on His Way to Report His Colleague's Death.

M. von Plehve, Russian Minister of the Interior, was assassinated in St. Petersburg 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. The minister's coachman was also killed, a number of pedestrians were wounded and the carriage in which von Plehve was riding was reduced to kindling.

As Minister of Justice Maraviev was driving to the Peterhof palace to report to Emperor Nicholas the assassination of Minister von Plehve, stones were thrown at him and his carriage windows were broken. The identity of the minister's assassins has not yet been discovered.

The assassination of Minister von Plehve is believed to be the outcome of a widespread plot, the existence of which had 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 Legio, and who is now in a hospital severely and perhaps fatally injured by the explosion of his own bomb.

An accomplice of Legio, 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. When throwing the bomb the assassin shouted: "Long live freedom."

The minister's death was instantaneous. When the body was untraced at his residence not a single wound was found on the trunk, but the lower part of the face was literally blown away. A heap of debris from the carriage, a portion of the coachman's uniform, mite and pitiable relics of the tragedy were scattered in the street.

The assassin wore a brown overcoat and a railroad official's cap. He 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 at 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.

One of the cyclist detectives arrested the assassin, who endeavored to escape, though wounded by splinters in the face, arm and abdomen. He made no attempt at resistance, however, when seized by the detective and confessed his crime, but refused to give his name.

The police immediately after the explosion arrested a suspicious individual who took refuge in a hotel opposite the scene of the tragedy. He carried a bomb similar to that thrown by Legio. As soon as the police saw the bomb they rushed out behind the accomplice and pinned his arms.

M. Durnovo, who was assistant to M. von Plehve, Minister of the Interior, has been appointed to succeed to the office until a new minister is chosen.

### Sloum Case Indictments.

Captain Van Schalk, Federal Steamboat Inspector Fleming and former Inspector Lundberg were indicted by the federal grand jury in New York in connection with the disaster of the General Sloum on June 15 last when nearly 1,000 lives were lost. Van Schalk was the commander of the Sloum.

### WOMEN WERE ACQUITTED.

#### Their Accuser Arrested and Must Stand Damage Suits.

Mrs. Evaline M. Schopfer and her sister, Aurora Cupps, who were on trial at Pittsburg, were acquitted of the murder of Charles T. Schopfer, husband of one of her brother-in-laws of the other woman. J. Henry Jahn, who made the charge of murder against the women and was the star witness for the commonwealth, is in jail.

As soon as the women were released they entered suits against Jahn for \$20,000 damages for defamation of character and the annoyance they had been put to by the charge of murder.

### CAR STRUCK AUTO.

#### Man and Woman Killed in Accident Near Sidney, O.

Arthur Nutt and Miss Amelia Davis were killed four miles north of Sidney, O., by their automobile being struck by a work car on the electric line. Nutt was an Ann Arbor student home for a vacation. Miss Davis was a former student at Oxford, O.

### Turks Kill 50 Bulgarians.

On Sunday last a detachment of troops near Kumanova surprised a Bulgarian band of 52 men, who were setting fire to the granaries. The band was destroyed, only two of them escaping.

### New Steel Company Incorporated.

The Steel Company of America, with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., to manufacture and deal in steel and other metals. The incorporators are A. H. Henderson, A. E. Smith and E. C. Scharf, of Jersey City.

# STEEL DIVIDEND UNCHANGED.

## Earnings for Second Quarter Show Increase Over the First.

The directors of the United States Steel Corporation declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent and elected Thomas Morrison, of Pittsburg, a director in place of Charles M. Schwab, resigned. No other business was transacted. Among the directors present were J. P. Morgan, H. H. Rogers, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., W. E. Corey, G. W. Perkins and John F. Dryden.

A financial statement placed the net earnings for the quarter ended June 30 at \$19,490,725, a decrease of \$17,151,583, as compared with the same quarter last year and an increase of \$5,281,839, as compared with the quarter ended March 31, 1904.

After appropriating \$49,425 for sinking funds on bonds of subsidiary companies, \$3,059,062 for depreciation and reserve funds, \$5,867,175 for interest on United States Steel Corporation bonds for the quarter, \$1,012,500 for sinking funds on United States Steel Corporation bonds for the quarter, and \$6,394,919 for the preferred dividend, there remained a surplus for the quarter of \$2,777,644. This surplus compares with a deficit for the first quarter this year of \$1,857,120, leaving a surplus for the six months ended June 30 of \$929,524.

### JAPS LOST HEAVILY.

#### Casualties at Ta Tche Kiao Reported Over 4,000.

The Japanese loss at Ta Tche Kiao is estimated at from 4,000 to 5,000, resulting chiefly from their attempt to take entrenched positions in the face of heavy artillery fire.

The Russian artillery was better disposed than in any previous fight. The batteries scientifically supported each other, all of them being in a position to deliver the most effective fire. On the last day's fight, July 24, the Russians fired 4,016 shots, and frequently smothered the Japanese fire and caused them to shift their batteries. Colonel Paschenko, whose battery distinguished itself, had a marvelous escape. He was thrown bodily into the air by the explosion of a mine shell, but was unharmed and continued to fight.

### SUICIDE OF BANK RECEIVER.

#### Body of W. G. Tafel Found in the Licking River.

W. G. Tafel, receiver for the Newark, O., Savings bank, general manager of the Citizens Electric Light and Power Company, Supreme Secretary of the American Protective Union, Secretary of St. Luke's Commandery, Knights Templar, and a prominent member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, committed suicide by drowning himself in the north fork of the Licking river.

A note was found on Mr. Tafel's desk, addressed to his wife, saying that he was wholly innocent of any wrongdoing at the Newark savings bank, and that every dollar he had in the world was gone. He ended by saying: "I must end this misery."

### TWO KILLED IN WRECK.

#### Trains Running Forty Miles an Hour Meet in Cut.

In a wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Sharpville, Pa., two men were killed and five others were hurt. The dead are: James Robinson, of New Castle, engineer; Charles McWilliams, of New Castle, fireman. The injured were: John Baptist, of Erie, conductor of passenger engine, face, hand and legs cut; R. J. Jones, of Erie, 22 years old, head and hands cut and possibly internally injured; M. West, of Pittsburg, traveling salesman, back sprained body bruised. Train No. 217, hauling two passenger coaches and a baggage car, and an engine running extra, met in a cut while running over 40 miles an hour.

### World's Fair Salaries Cut.

An order reducing the salaries of all those employed at the World's Fair was issued by the Board of Directors through the Executive Committee. It is to take effect on August 1 and will affect every employee who receives a salary over \$50 a month.

### VILLAGE DESTROYED.

#### Twenty-Five Killed and Women Taken Into Captivity.

The London Daily Mail publishes a dispatch from Tauris, Asia Minor, saying that on July 13 the well-known chief, Cheikh Salan, attacked and destroyed the village of Ouzbilissan. Twenty-five persons were killed, including a priest and servants attached to a convent. Women were taken into slavery. The dispatch says that massacres are expected in the Sandjak of Bayazid and immediate help is urgently called for.

### Connellsville Coke Report.

Of the coke trade of the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions, the Courier, the official journal of the region says, is a feeling of business in the coke trade. Demand has been fair for a midsummer month during the past 10 days. One of the best indications of prosperous times ahead in the Connellsville district is the action of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, representing the United States Steel Corporation, in contracting for 1,000 new ovens in this and the Lower Connellsville region.

### American Ship Sunk.

The Vladivostok squadron sunk the American steamer Knight Commander, from New York, off the province of Izan, after transferring the crew of the Knight Commander to the steamer Tainan. The Vladivostok squadron also captured a German vessel, believed to be the Arabia, with 20,000 tons of flour, and an unknown British steamer. The two vessels were sent to Vladivostok in charge of prize crews.

# ROOSEVELT WAS NOTIFIED

## Formal Announcement of Nomination at Sagamore Hill.

### PROMINENT MEN PRESENT.

#### Guests Were Entertained at Luncheon on the Veranda of President's House.

President Roosevelt was notified formally on the 27th of his nomination to the Presidency by the Republican National Convention. The ceremony took place at his country home at Sagamore Hill, three miles from Oyster Bay. In accordance with the wish of the President, the ceremony was made as simple as possible.

The formal notification of the action of the convention was made on behalf of a committee representing every state and territory in the United States, by Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On arrival at Sagamore Hill, the committee members were received by President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and National Chairman George B. Cortelyou.

All of the house guests of the President were gathered on the veranda and as the occupants of each carriage alighted they were welcomed by the President and each was presented to Mrs. Roosevelt.

At the conclusion of the informal reception, the ceremony of notification began. While the members of the family, the house guests and some of the visitors were assembled on the veranda, a majority of those in attendance gathered on the lawn facing the veranda.

Following the address, President Roosevelt held an informal reception and received the congratulations of the committee on his speech.

Among the invited guests were Chairman George B. Cortelyou, Governor B. B. Odell, Senator T. C. Platt, Senator John Kean, of New Jersey, former Secretary Root, Cornelius N. Bliss and former Governor Frank S. Black.

### INDEMNITY WANTED.

#### Formal Protest Against Russian Seizure of the Arabia.

The State Department at Washington has finally received a formal protest against the action of the Russian navy in seizing American goods, and as a result of its preliminary study of the law and precedents governing the subject it is prepared to act energetically and promptly. This protest relates to seizure of an American cargo on board the Hamburg-American steamer Arabia, bound from Portland, Ore., for Hongkong, China.

United States Senator J. H. Mitchell, of Portland, Ore., telegraphed the department a statement of the conditions under which the Arabia carried out this cargo. Mr. Mitchell stated that he represented the Portland Flour Milling Company, which had shipped on the Arabia for Hongkong 99,000 sacks of flour worth about \$100,000. He declared that this flour was in no sense contraband, for it was not destined for Japan, and it was part of the normal trade of the company, and was not a war order.

Mr. Mitchell requested the department to take the necessary steps to secure indemnity and satisfaction for the owners of the flour, and also to protest legitimate neutral trade from such serious interference as these attacks by the Vladivostok squadron.

The officials decline to say what course they intend to pursue save for a declaration that there would be no inconsiderate action; that the whole subject of interference with American trade by belligerents in the present war will be considered, and each protest that may be forwarded will be part of a uniform and consistent policy to be followed by the department.

### CAPTAIN PROTESTS.

#### Complaint Against Russians for Capturing Vessel.

The British steamer Ardova, which was seized by the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Smolensk, has been released and her prize crew has been landed. Capt. Smith, of the Ardova, has lodged a protest with the British consul against the capture and detention of the steamer.

Vessels arriving at Constantinople report that a British warship is patrolling off Cape Helas, 15 miles south of the Dardanelles. She is using her searchlight, with the supposed view of intercepting any British ships which may have been captured by the Russian volunteer fleet steamers. If they attempt to pass the Dardanelles.

### Slave Raiders Active.

A cablegram from the governor of Mozambique states that the Arab slave raiders are rampant on the northern coast of Mozambique. Bloody encounters between the Arabs and Portuguese troops are frequent. A gunboat with reinforcements has been sent to the scene.

### Investigating Americans' Death.

Francisco Mallon, Mexican consul at El Paso, Tex., received a telegram from E. Canada, Governor of Sonora, confirming the report that two Americans were killed at Agua Calientes, by Senor Torres, and adding that a "rigid investigation has been ordered."

Joseph Leyden, a hardware merchant of West Lafayette, O., fired two shots into his head. Ill health is supposed to have caused the act. His recovery is doubtful.

# JAPS OCCUPY NEW CHWANG.

## Troops Enter Stronghold After Czar's Army Take Flight.

Special dispatches from the Far East confirm the news of the Japanese occupation of New Chwang, but do not give any further details of the fighting.

The Japanese occupied New Chwang on the 25th. It is reported that heavy fighting has occurred between Liao Ling and Mukden. Lloyd's agency at New Chwang wires that 50 Japanese cavalrymen have entered New Chwang. The French flag is flying from all the Russian buildings. The town is quiet.

It is reported that the Japanese lost 380 in killed and wounded in the fighting which has taken place outside of New Chwang during the last two days. The Russian losses during the engagements are not known. It is reported that the Japanese took the Russian position at Ta Tche Kiao at the point of bayonet.

### CONDITIONS ARE GOOD.

#### All Crops Reported Progressing All Over the Country.

The weekly crop report of the Weather Bureau, is as follows: While rather cool for best results in the Lake region and portions of the Central valleys, with lack of sunshine and too much rain in the Middle Atlantic and Central Gulf States, the weather conditions of the week ending July 25, as a whole, were favorable. Limited areas in the South Atlantic States, Tennessee and the Ohio and Upper Missouri valleys and North Pacific coast need rain. With the exception of portions of the Central Missouri Valley excellent weather for harvesting and thrashing prevailed in the Central valleys, where harvesting is nearly finished and thrashing has made rapid progress. Quite generous and much-needed rains occurred in the Middle and Southern Rocky Mountain districts, partially relieving the severe and protracted drought.

### BIG ORDER FOR SNAKES.

#### Man Furnishes Many Rattles for the Smithsonian Institution.

Jacob Shilling, of Clover Creek, Blair county, Pa., has closed another contract with the Smithsonian Institution at Washington to furnish it with 100 rattlesnakes. Shilling has been engaged in capturing rattlesnakes on contracts for a number of years. Every year he supplies the Smithsonian Institution with new specimens. All the snakes are caught with a forked hickory stick. The poisonous fangs are always removed by Shilling before he ships the snakes, to guard against mishaps at the other end of the line. It is estimated that he derives an income of \$2,000 a year from snake catching.

### ROBBERS SHOOT VICTIM.

#### Restaurant Proprietor Attacked by Four Men in an Alley.

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# RUSSIANS FORCED BACK

## Japs Compel Them to Retreat to Hai Cheng.

### FOUGHT 14 HOURS.

#### Russians Made the Attack, but Were Forced to Retreat.

Cabling under date of July 24, the London "Daily Mail's" New Chwang correspondent describes a 14-hour desperate battle, with heavy losses on both sides, which resulted in the Russian position at Ta-Tche-Kiao being rendered untenable, by reason of which they will be compelled to retreat toward Hai-Cheng.

"The battle began at 5 o'clock in the morning," the correspondent says, "the Russians rearing the attack on the Japanese position on the heights east of Tatchekiao. After a few hours the Japanese left flank from Taping mountain captured the village of Tanghuidun, compelling the Russians to retreat to Tienghuatun, six miles from their base. The Russians, now reinforced, maintained the position until 5 o'clock in the afternoon when the Japanese right flank made a sudden appearance on the hills south of Tatchekiao and by a tremendous fire forced the Russians to retreat.

"The Japanese firing line extended 15 miles. After two more hours of an incessant storm of shot and shell, they swept the last hill and the plain clear of Russians."

### SPORTSMAN ARRESTED.

#### Charged With Getting \$800,000 by Get-Rich-Quick Scheme.

John J. Ryan, a race horse owner, whose horses Reliable and Monster won the first and third race at Brighton Beach was arrested at Brighton Beach track on a warrant charging him with larceny by means of an alleged "get-rich-quick" scheme of which it is said he was the head. The amount involved is said to be \$800,000. The warrant for Ryan's arrest was made in St. Louis and the arrest was made by New York central office detective, who was accompanied by a St. Louis detective and George Fickenson, assistant to Circuit Attorney Folk, at St. Louis.

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# CONFIDENCE IS RETURNING.

## Trade Conditions Are Said to Be Improving Regardless of the Labor Troubles.

The advices received from special agents of the International Mercantile Agency, at the leading trade centers of the country, are in the main satisfactory. Confidence in a good fall and winter business increases from week to week. Current activity in the different industrial lines is not great, but it is better than it was a year ago, with the very wholesome influence of a faith in better things.

There has been good growing weather for the crops, which are approaching harvest under continued improved conditions. In the spring wheat section of the northwest some rust has been discovered, which will reduce the yield. Harvesting is in progress in nearly all of the leading winter wheat states, and the results are better than farmers thought they would be two weeks ago. It is beginning to be believed, though, that the total yield will leave a small exportable surplus and that the price of wheat and flour during the next 12 months will be high. The speculative months are now at the top prices for this movement, having been helped by a war scare which produced an opposite effect on stocks.

The returns on wheat in the southwest have stimulated business in that part of the country. Collections in the St. Louis district have far exceeded those of last year. Fall orders being received are beyond expectations. Boots and shoes have been in especially good demand, though stitching is slow. Dallas reports bright trade prospects. The first symptom of discouragement that has been shown at Kansas City is apparent this week in reports of a slack condition of trade in most lines. Chicago retailers are said to be more pessimistic than they ought to be in view of actual events. The packing house strike casts a shadow over trade there, even with advance orders for clothing, men's furnishings, shoes and wearing apparel quite satisfactory. Indianapolis indicates some improvements in dry goods and shoes, though with hardware behind last year.

The most gratifying trade statements of all are those from Pittsburg. This is due to the improvement that has come about in the iron and steel trade. The tone of business is certainly much better than it has been, and a sharp revival is not improbably after election.

### SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

#### Allied Trades Quit Work to Aid Meat Handlers.

As has been threatened for some time, the allied trades employed in the packing industry at Chicago quit work when called on Monday to assist the striking butchers in their efforts to bring the packers to terms. In several instances the men did not wait for the official notification from their leaders to strike, but threw down their tools and quit work of their own volition.

Both sides to the controversy declared that they were perfectly satisfied with the present state of affairs, and that they were willing to make it a fight to a finish to determine who shall dictate the terms of a settlement.

Despite the sympathetic strike, all the plants worked regular time, as though at a reduced capacity. At Armour & Co's plant, it was said that 1,850 hogs, 700 cattle and 200 sheep were slaughtered during the day. At the other six plants a similar amount of work was accomplished, and it was predicted by all that to-morrow there would be a decided increase in the number of animals slaughtered.

### Snake Attacked Child.

Mrs. Peter Bellack, of Williamsburg, Pa., went to Markersburg mountain to pick berries, taking her infant child with her. Straying into a hammock between two trees, she placed the child in it. While gathering berries she heard piercing screams. Running to the child she found a black snake coiled about its body and limbs. Frantically tearing it loose, she killed it. The snake measured five feet.

### MORE ARMENIANS MASSACRED.

Fearful Brutalities Inflicted on Christian Women and Children.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" reports that Armenian massacres are in full swing again. The Turks, the paper asserts, have plundered and burned six Armenian villages, Gomer, Biel, Guarkor, Kzilghedi, Karadul and Terquevan, all of which are situated near Lakevan. All the males were massacred and the women and children tortured and outraged. A similar slaughter is reported in the neighborhood of Mush, where from 60 to 80 Armenians have been killed every night.

The inhabitants of Oregounk, the paper adds, who had fled to places of safety, were induced to return under promises of protection. The treacherous Turks, however, when they had the inhabitants at their mercy, fell on them and killed almost the entire population. The paper concludes: "The roads in Armenia are strewn with corpses. The horrors of 1894 and 1895 have been equaled."

### Ritualistic Prices War.

In a ritualistic price contest held in the Temple of Fraternity, at St. Louis by the American Insurance Union, chapters from Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Pennsylvania were represented. Prices were awarded to Isaac Kalish, Cleveland; L. B. Benedict, Pontiac, Mich.; and Sylvester P. Hildebrand, Apollo, Pa.

Thomas Tregart of Indianapolis was chosen chairman of the National Democratic committee.

# KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

## STEVENS FOR JUDGE.

### Dr. Swallows Opens Prohibition Campaign With Large Audience at Harrisburg.

A. A. Stevens, of Tyrone, was nominated for State Supreme Court Judge by the State Prohibition Executive Committee at a meeting held in Harrisburg, to outline a plan of campaign in Pennsylvania this year. Mr. Stevens takes the place of Lee M. Grumbine, of Lebanon, who was nominated by the recent State convention and declined for personal reasons. Dr. Silas C. Swallow, the Prohibition candidate for President, opened the campaign in the court house at the largest Prohibition gathering ever held in Harrisburg. Swallow made a speech along the lines of his address at Indianapolis formally accepting the nomination. Speeches were also made by J. C. Rummel, Burgess of Shippensburg, and Mr. Grumbine.

The early dissolution of the voting trusteeship of the Reading Company, following the payment of the annual dividend on the first preferred stock on September 10, is an assured fact. The payment of that dividend marks the