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STORY OF ATTEMPTS TO KILL LENINE AND TROTSKY REVEALED

M. Semenov Vasilieff, Agent of Secret Police, Has Issued Pamphlet—Signal for "Red Terror."

Moscow, April 18.—(By mail, Associated Press).—Particulars of the attempts to assassinate Premier Lenin and Leon Trotsky in 1918 have just been revealed in a pamphlet which has been published here by M. Semenov Vasilieff, formerly head of the fighting detachment of the Social Revolutionary Party, organizer of the attempted assassination and now an agent of the Cheka, or secret police.

It was owing to Semenov's revelations and charges that a number of Members of the Social Revolutionary Party and other suspects were arrested and imprisoned by the State Political Department and also that members of the Central Executive Committee of the Social Revolutionary Party are now about to be tried before a Bolshevik tribunal.

The announcement that these trials were about to be held has evoked numerous protests from the Socialist Party of Sweden, of which Premier Branting is the head, and also from the Amsterdam and Vienna Internationales and Arthur Henderson, head of the British Labor Party.

The attempt to assassinate Lenin and Trotsky were the signals for the so-called Bolshevik "Red terror" which cost Russia thousands of lives. Lenin and Trotsky escaped, but two other Bolshevik officials, M. Volodarsky, commissar of the press affairs, and M. Oulitsky, commissar of elections, were murdered.

Semenov, who is now supposed to be in the service of the Cheka, tells in his pamphlet, of the military and fighting activities of the Social Revolutionary Party in Russia in 1917 and 1918, and denounces well-known persons of the opposition parties, many of whom have been in the Cheka prisons for nearly two or three years.

Semenov says that in the beginning of 1918 it was decided to "remove" Lenin and Trotsky in Moscow, and G. E. Zinovief, president of the Third Internationale, Volodarsky and Oulitsky in Petrograd. It was first resolved to kill Lenin and Trotsky by administering poison in their food or by sending up a physician who should inoculate them with an infectious disease. This plan, however, was abandoned owing to some difficulties of a technical character.

Used Poisoned Bullets.
A new plan to kill them by shooting was arrived at after prolonged discussion, and full arrangements were made. Both Lenin and Trotsky were watched for a long time as to their movements and habits. Lenin was overtaken when he left a workmen's meeting at a factory outside the town and shot at with poisoned bullets by a revolutionary, Fanny Kaplan.

The attempts upon Trotsky failed. He was several times ambushed at the Moscow railway terminus at the time of the departure of his train, but at the last minute he always changed his mind and went from a different station than the one fixed beforehand. One attempt on his life ended by derailing one of his trains to Kazan in which he, however, was not present.

Expropriations of money from private persons, as well as Soviet institutions, were organized by the fighting detachments as a means to carry out their work. Their chief aim, however, to prevent the Germans from carrying off the gold paid to them by the Bolsheviks under the Brest-Litovsk treaty, was not being carried through. The plan was to derail the train which carried the gold to the border. The plotter, thanks to the assistance of one railway man, made all necessary arrangements. For the purpose of derailing the train, a hill spot several miles from Moscow. But the engine driver failed to slow down the train to allow the attempt to take place, as it was prearranged.

In the summer of 1920, at the time of the war with Poland, Semenov, an informer, who at that time was a member of the minority section of the Social Revolutionary Party, offered the services of his little group for disorganization work at the rear of the Polish army. The Cheka helped him to get through the front, but he was soon arrested and under the threat of capital punishment was sent to the Vinnitsa fortress.

Semenov then wrote to General Boris Savinkoff, formerly Russian minister of war and a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Social Revolutionary Party, and thanks to Savinkoff's influence Semenov was set free, this time for disorganization work in Soviet Russia. In December of 1920 Semenov left Poland for Russia charged with the task of killing Lenin. But Semenov betrayed Savinkoff and instead of carrying out his mission he went with a report to the Cheka.

DROWNED IN MOTOR CAR.
Auto With Philadelphia Girl at Wheel Plunges Into River.

Philadelphia, May 17.—Apparently starting a motor car prematurely, Miss Catherine McCormick was drowned when the car plunged overboard in twenty-five feet of water at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Miss McCormick was about to start for home, and was at the wheel of the car, which belonged to T. Turner, a second-class fireman on one of the battleships. Turner had cranked the machine and was preparing to get in when the car gave a lurch and dashed into the river before an effort could be made to halt it.

A girl friend of Miss McCormick who was standing on the running board jumped before the machine cleared the bulkhead.

RUM-RUNNERS CHECKED BY NEW RIVER PATROL.

Windsor, May 17.—With the appearance down river of the Michigan state patrols manned by armed state police, caution has become the watchword of liquor smugglers. They predicate a rise in liquor and beer prices as the result.

Lieut. Boettcher, assistant chief of the Detroit office of the Public Safety Bureau, has learned that smugglers have grown panicky at the appearance of armed state patrols, and there was a noticeable absence of small craft on the water down river during the last two nights, he says.

State police will operate on a schedule of seven days a week in their cruising of Detroit River.

THE FUNERAL OF LORD LEOPOLD MOUNTBATTEN



This photograph shows the principal mourners who followed behind the flag-covered gun carriage. In the front row from left to right—The Duke of York, the Marquis of Milford Haven, and Prince Henry; 2nd row—The Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Connaught, and the Duke of Gloucester; 3rd row—Prince George (in centre) and Viscount Lascelles on the right.

CONVENTION OF GOOD ROADS MEN

Lieut. Governor and Premier of British Columbia to Address the Delegates.

The ninth annual convention of the Canadian Good Roads' Association, to be held at the Empress Hotel, Victoria, B. C., on June 12, 18 and 14 and 15, already gives strong indications that it will be as successful as any of its predecessors, for notifications are being received by the secretary-treasurer, G. A. McNamara, of Montreal, which indicate that every provincial government as well as the federal government will be well represented at the gathering. The Hon. J. H. King, minister of highways in the federal government, and A. W. Campbell, commissioner of highways in the federal government, will represent the dominion parliament, and will tell the delegates something of the scheme for general aid on main highways of which some provinces have taken more advantage than others.

The Hon. W. C. Nichol, lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, will formally open the convention on the morning of Monday, June 12, and will be joined in his welcome by Premier John Oliver, who has been for many years an enthusiastic advocate of good roads and who travelled across the continent to Halifax in order to speak at the convention in Halifax last year. All the members of the British Columbia cabinet have been asked by Premier Oliver to attend the sessions of the convention, while the government highway officials of the province will be present, as well as road engineers and municipal delegates from all parts of the middle west and east provinces.

The Hon. J. P. Perron, newly appointed minister of highways for the Province of Quebec, will attend the convention, and will give the delegates some insight into the new highway law of the province in regard to highway improvement and other matters. At the last session of the legislature some drastic changes were made in the highway policy with a view to ensuring the proper maintenance of the highways on which some \$35,000,000 have already been spent, and of preventing unnecessary damage being done to the roads at periods when they are most susceptible to injury because of their softness. Several officials from the department at Quebec will accompany the minister and give the benefit of their knowledge to their colleagues.

The Hon. J. P. Vanier, minister of highways and public works of New Brunswick, has promised to attend and give an address. He is much interested in the question of the uniformity of laws relating to highways and traffic, and in this connection Fred G. Pearson of Halifax, one of the directors of the association, and president of the Nova Scotia Good Roads' Association, has voluntarily undertaken the codification of federal and provincial laws with a view to assisting the labor and promoting the success of the inter-provincial conference of highway officials which is one of the features of the convention and which opens on the afternoon of the second day of the gathering.

Premier Belfrage the Hon. C. W. Brophy, minister of public works, perhaps both of them, will travel from Prince Edward Island to show their appreciation of the work being done by the association, while there will be many visitors from the United States in addition to the eminent speakers from over the border who will deliver papers on a wide variety of subjects in conjunction with their Canadian colleagues.

Ministerial representatives from Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan will also be present, the latter being headed by the Hon. Sam. J. Latta, president of the Canadian Good Roads' Association, and founder of the new Saskatchewan Good Roads' Association, which will send a large delegation. Some 20,000 invitations are being sent out by the association to government and municipal officials, road and machinery contractors, representatives of the automotive industry and kindred associations, while it is expected that the delegates attending the newly-formed Western Canadian Municipal Union, comprised of the municipal councils of the four western provinces, will also be present, as their convention is scheduled to be held on June 7, 8 and 9 at Victoria. The provincial convention of the western members of the Engineering Institute of Canada will immediately follow the Canadian Good Roads' convention, and with an interchange of delegates the success of the latter is already assured.

A strong reception committee is being formed on Vancouver Island, composed of representatives of the Victoria and Island Development Association, the Associated Boards of Trade of Vancouver Island, Victoria Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis, Rotary, Gyro, Canadian Kantulas and 100 P. C. Clubs, the Victoria Automobile Club, Publicity Bureau, and the reception committee of the city council, and everything possible will be done to ensure a pleasant time

for the visiting delegates. Invitations for the 1923 convention have already been received from Ottawa, Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal, and these will be considered at the annual meeting of the association to be held during the convention.

An informal meeting of the women members of the directorate of the society for the prevention of tuberculosis was held yesterday afternoon in the free dispensary in Prince William street to make arrangements for a dance to be given for the pleasure of the visiting delegates and the delegates to the medical conference in the city early next month.

Mrs. M. B. Edwards was appointed general convener and was given charge of the floor committee duties also. Mrs. Bushy was made convener for the refreshments.

CORNER IS FORMED IN DIAMOND SUPPLY

London, May 16.—Anglo-American interests have effected a corner in diamonds, and the world's supply is now controlled from two buildings in Holborn Viaduct.

An immediate result is expected to be a permanent rise in the price of diamonds, made possible by restricting the supply.

The corner was brought about by the amalgamation of the South African Diamond Syndicate and the Anglo-American Syndicate, in which the powerful Morgan interests are largely represented.

By the amalgamation, the syndicate removed the last vestige of competition for rough diamonds in any appreciable quantity to be purchased anywhere in the outside the two buildings in Central London.

For a long time the product of the world's big diamond mines has been more falling into fewer hands, but there remained until very recently at least two big channels of disposal and there was competition between the markets in London and Antwerp.

South Africa's output passed through English channels, and was handled by the South African Syndicate in London. The Congo output was handled by another syndicate, which was outside the trust.

The Anglo-American Syndicate recently bought out all the German South-West African diamond interests, and it has now taken over the Congo group, which had its centre at Antwerp.

Between the Anglo-American and the South African syndicate there is a working agreement. An arrangement has been made for London to be in future the only channel through which a rough diamond from any of the world's great mines shall reach the jewellers.

"There are more multi-millionaires in this new great diamond trust," said a leading jeweller, "than in any other concern in commercial history. The output is now entirely in the hands and at the mercy of the two syndicates."

SPRING CLEANING LONDON'S STATUES



One of the famous lions at the base of the column in Trafalgar Square, London, having his face washed.

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What is more youthful than Organdy, flowerlike in coloring, crisp, charming—the perfect summer frock. Delicate Orchid, Yellow, Sea foam, Rosebud, as well as darker and more serviceable shades color them with the flower suggestion, carried out further by posies and fluttering ribbon.

\$7.50 to \$20.00

Cream Flannel Sport Skirts
Plaids with fringed bottoms, etc. Silken weaves. Never were they lovelier, for they have just popped out of their tissue wrappings to see if they can help you enjoy summer. Novelty designs, pockets, etc.

\$4.50 to \$25.00

Blouses Are Coolness Itself
All so soft and sheer, and so charmingly fashioned. No matter what you ask of a summer blouse, whether you like them with frilled fronts or Peter Pan collars, they are all here. They lend daintiness to one's suit or sweater or separate skirt. The nice feature being that they tax the purse so slightly.

\$1.95 to \$7.50

Other Dresses

Issue their mandates in Dotted Swiss Muslin, Beach Cloths, Rattines, Linen, Voiles, Gingham, delightful combinations also. They may be, solidly colored, plaided, striped, dotted, or in Novelty effect. So you are certain to find the frock you want in the fabric you want.

\$5.00 to \$20.00

Flower-Like Summer Neckwear
We can recall many seasons of dainty neckwear, but this season's showing is beyond words. Every piece reminds one of some dainty flower in its coloring. Lace edges and ribbon ties, and prices never so low or quality so high. Prices mostly around—

75c to \$1.75

Top Coats For Summer Evenings, Vacation Times, Etc.
Manifestly simple, at that, and therefore very much in the mode. Straight flowing from the shoulder, or restrained by the triggest of tailored belts. Raglan sleeves, perhaps, or varied in a manner that follows closely their masculine originals. They're becoming to every one. Come in and try them on.

\$18.50 to \$46.50

Capes Are Untrammelled in Line
Follow summer by being unrestrained in the joyousness, simple in styling, and welcoming with delight every breeze that comes to play with it. They are of Silk or Tricotine, gaily fringed and beautifully lined, in many cases reversible which means double wear. Two different garments.

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