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SECOND BOMB TO FOLLOW FIRST.

Death of Russian Ministers is Planned.

Murder of Czar's Most Powerful Official on Street of St. Petersburg--Bomb Kills Two and Wounds Many--Believed Widespread Plot to Kill Leading Statesmen Exists.

St. Petersburg, July 28--M. Von Plehve, minister of the interior, was assassinated at 9.50 o'clock this morning by means of 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.

Minister of Justice Attacked With Stones.

St. Petersburg, July 28--As minister of justice Muraviev was driving to the Peterhof Palace this afternoon to report to Emperor Nicholas the assassination of Minister of the Interior Von Plehve, stones were thrown at him and his carriage windows were broken.

Accomplice Caught; He Had a Second Bomb.

The assassin 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 Legio and who is now in hospital severely and perhaps fatally injured by the explosion of his own bomb.

An accomplice, 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 it was overpowered by the police just in time to prevent great loss of life.

The assassin wore a brown overcoat and 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 after the carriage.

Police Fled and He Was Caught by Waiter.

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 retreated, but an employe of the hotel rushed up behind the accomplice and pinned his arms.

The explosive is believed to have been composed of pyroxylin, as it gave off little smoke. Von Plehve's assassination was officially announced about 1 o'clock and was followed by the issuance of extra editions of the papers. Although they contained only four lines referring to the tragedy the newspapers were fairly mobbed by the (Continued on page 7, fifth column.)

FREIGHT HANDLERS TO HELP STRIKERS.

Order is Ready in Chicago Labor Trouble--Peace Move from a New Quarter, and Strikers Make a Concession Looking Towards a Settlement.

Chicago, July 28--After issuing a general order that would have involved all the Chicago railroads in the stockyards strike, President Curran of the freight handlers' union reconsidered and is now holding order pending a conference tomorrow with the leaders of the allied trades unions.

It is stated, however, that if the strike leaders express a desire to have the order enforced it will be put into effect at once. What the railway officials will do is not known. A meeting of the railroad managers was held tonight but what action was decided upon was not made public.

Henry C. Wallace, of Des Moines, and A. L. Ames, of Buckingham, Iowa, president of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' Association, are the sponsors of a new

JAPANESE MAKING A GENERAL ATTACK UPON PORT ARTHUR.

UNCONFIRMED REPORT SAYS RUSSIAN COMMANDER KUROPATKIN HAS BEEN WOUNDED.

Times' Correspondent Believes Russians Are Using Dumdum Bullets--Kuropatkin Orders War Correspondents to Harbin--Big Developments Looked For.

London, July 29--Special despatches from Shanghai and Yokohama report that a general attack upon Port Arthur has begun.

A report that General Kuropatkin is wounded, which is appearing in various quarters, seems to have originated at Tientsin, but it is not confirmed from any reliable source.

The Times correspondent at Tokio says it appears to be clearly proved that the Russians in Manchuria are using dumdum bullets.

Liao Yang, July 27 (delayed in transmission)--The Russian retreatment from Tatchekiao was terribly galling to the rank and file who, after two days' hard fighting, held their positions and believed themselves on the eve of a great victory.

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.

Supplies at Hsicheng are running low and the terrific heat and torrential rains are delaying movements.

The Japanese loss at Tatchekiao is estimated at from 4,000 to 5,000, resulting chiefly from their attempts to take entrenched positions in the face of a heavy artillery fire.

All is reported quiet on the Russian eastern front.

St. Petersburg, July 28, 8.35 p. m.--A telegram received from General Kuropatkin today announced that the position at the front had not changed. It is generally believed here that startling developments are imminent. All the war correspondents have been ordered to Harbin.

Tokio, July 28, 3 p. m.--The Russians abandoned Tatchekiao at noon on Monday, July 25, retiring before the advancing Japanese. The population of Tatchekiao consisted of nine miles of trenches and fortifications.

Tokio, July 28--The Liao River is now open for trade and neutral vessels.

Newchwang, July 28--Takayama, the Japanese administrator of Newchwang has arrived here and has issued a proclamation to the population that Newchwang and Yinkow are now under Japanese control and that lives and property will be protected.

Mr. Gilchrist, an American, who was deputy commissioner of customs here under the Russian administration, has been appointed commissioner of customs.

Then Tsun, July 28, 9 p. m.--The tenth and eleventh corps of the Russian army have arrived at the front and joined General Kuropatkin's force.

Major Takayama, of the Japanese army, has been appointed administrator of Newchwang.

Russian Report of Heavy Fighting.

St. Petersburg, July 27--Engager Nichols has received from General Kuropatkin the following despatch from Lieut. General Karoubieff (commander of the fourth Siberian army corps) dated 5 a. m. July 24:

"On July 23, after concentrating, the Japanese took the offensive. Our troops occupied a position at Nandaine on the heights south of Tsianchiastia, the right wing covering Tianshiastia, Ysunatoun and Sansiastia. The Japanese opened a cannonade against the three last named, their fire scarcely ceasing for 15 minutes.

"About 6 o'clock an artillery attack was begun against the troops posted at Tsianchiastia and Nandaine. The enemy's fire increased at 7 a. m., being concentrated on our position south of Tsianchiastia. At 7.30 p. m. the Japanese fire was at its height and in the last days of the fighting the enemy delivered his attack on the Barnoukoff regiment. The latter, reinforced by three battalions under Col. Debroin, valiantly swept back the enemy, making four bayonet charges and capturing a number of rifles with ammunition.

"At 9 o'clock p. m. the cannonade ceased but the rifle fire continued until late at night. We retained all our positions.

WARSHIPS NOW FOR TANGIER

British and Frenchmen There in Case of Trouble. SULTAN IS FOR WAR.

Morocco Ruler Gathering Big Army Outside of Fez to Battle With Pretender, Who is Making Himself Noticeable--British Cruiser Arrived Last Night.

Gibraltar, July 28--The British cruiser Hermione has sailed for Tangier. It is presumed that her departure is in connection with disturbances at that port.

Tangier, July 28--The British cruiser Hermione arrived here tonight.

According to news from Fez the Sultan is collecting a big army outside that city. The imperial tent has already been pitched outside the walls of Fez, which is taken to indicate that the Sultan will personally lead his forces against the pretender, who is active in the districts of Taza and Toulou.

Toulou, July 28--Under orders from Vice Admiral Giffen, the armed cruiser Kleber and the third class cruiser Gallus have sailed for Tangier. The orders given to the commanders were to "hold themselves at the disposition of the minister of France."

Officials of the ministry of marine say this action is not to be considered in any aspect other than pacific, but that it is desirable under the present unpleasant conditions in Morocco, for the French government to be represented by the two warships, so as to impress the imagination of the natives and to give them some idea of the power of France.

It is suggested that this is the outcome of the representations made by Ion Zecaris to Foreign Minister Deesse.

ARRESTED ON THE TRAIN AT MONCTON

Halifax Police Wanted Young Englishman--He Denies Theft Which They Charge to Him.

Moncton, July 28--(Special)--A young Englishman giving the name of Percy George Demming was taken off the party express here tonight on arrival from Halifax on charge of stealing \$240. When arrested by I. G. R. Officer Dryden only \$20.61 was found.

He denies committing any theft. He says he was quartermaster on the cable steamer Mackay-Bennett and deserted.

He had a first class ticket from Halifax to Lewis and says he has friends in Quebec and was returning to his home near Bristol (Eng).

The prisoner is about 22 years of age, of good address and appearance and appears to feel his position keenly. He had some field glasses and other nautical articles, and admits he deserted from the Mackay-Bennett. He was arrested at the instance of the Halifax police and will be held for an officer.

The Halifax Story.

Halifax, July 28--(Special)--The room of Quartermaster Strum, of the cable steamer Mackay-Bennett, was searched and \$240 stolen. Detective Power was detained on the case and found that P. G. Demming, who recently joined the cable ship, had purchased a ticket for Quebec. He was arrested at Moncton. Power will leave for Moncton today to bring the prisoner back.

SAY PORTER SMUGGLED.

Case Against Negro Railway Employee Grows More Serious.

Roger Robinson, the negro porter on the Boston & Maine railroad who was recently arrested for smuggling clothing into this country from Canada, was brought from the Charles street jail this forenoon and taken before United States Commissioner Fiske. When Robinson was first arrested his bail was fixed at \$300, but since his arrest his offence is said to have been found to be much more serious than was at first thought, and as a result Assistant District Attorney Garland today asked that Robinson's bail be increased to \$1,000.

Commissioner Fiske granted the request, and in default of bail Robinson was again committed to jail--Boston Transcript.

Two Sisters Killed.

Watertown, N. Y., July 28--Mrs. Halsey Oatman and Mrs. Caroline White, sisters, aged 50 and 60 years respectively, were killed by the New York Central Club train at Adams Center today. They drove in front of the train, which was travelling at high speed.

BALFOUR TALKS TO THE POINT.

Shows British Position as to Seizures.

Cheers of M. P.'s Greet His Statements in the House of Commons--Russia Has Violated Practice of Nations in Time of War--Believes the Czar Will See That It is Done No More.

London, July 28--In the house of commons this afternoon Premier Balfour said the acute stage of the Red Sea incident had passed, and that the Russian volunteer fleet vessels would be withdrawn. He laid down the British view that no belligerent warships could come from the Black Sea and that the volunteer fleet vessels, in issuing therefrom, if they took belligerent action, either had no right to issue, or no right to take such action.

The strongest possible exception had been taken to the seizure of the Malacca, on the above ground. The premier added that the Russian government had met the British contention in regard to this particular incident.

As to the Knight Commander case, the government had earnestly protested that the sinking of that vessel was contrary to the accepted practice of nations. Mrs. Balfour regarding the Russian assurances on the subject of the seizure of the Malacca, and other vessels spoke as follows:

"The Russian government have met us in this matter, I will not say on general principle, but in regard to this particular instance. The Malacca could not be stopped before she left Port Said, but she has now been released at Aden. The Russian government at the same time gave us assurances that if the vessels of the volunteer fleet made further captures before instructions could reach them, that pending the discussion of the general principles involved no action should be taken and that these captures should be regarded as not having occurred."

"In accordance with that arrangement the Ardova and Formosa have been released. We have received assurance that the volunteer fleet vessels are to be withdrawn from the Red Sea and we have little doubt that there will be no further desire on the part of the Russian government to employ them as cruisers. So far, therefore, as those ships go, the controversy has passed out of the hands of the government and Russia have reached an agreement on the general principle, but I think we need not anticipate any practical violation of the view which very strongly hold, is likely to occur."

Mr. Balfour assumed a more serious tone as he referred to the Knight Commander.

Balfour's Words Bring British Cheers.

"There are, I am sorry to say," said the premier, "other questions not connected with the incidents at all which must cause some discussion between the two governments and like all discussions between governments there may be legitimate cause for anxiety. We hold that it is not proper that on the authority of the captain of a cruiser that goods alleged to be contraband of war, should be taken from a merchant ship without trial."

This statement of the premier was greeted with an outburst of cheers.

"The proper course," continued Mr. Balfour, "according to international practice is that any ship reasonably suspected of carrying contraband of war should be taken by the belligerent to one of its own ports and its trial should there occur before a prize court by which the case is to be determined. Evidently if it is (Continued on page 8, sixth column.)

ONE WRECK LIES ON TOP OF OTHER.

Divers Make Strange Discovery About the City of Rockland--Believed She Will Be Floated Today--Fishermen Fight for Loot.

Rockland, Me., July 28--It was discovered today that a portion of the wrecked steamer City of Rockland was lying on a section of another wreck believed to be that of the steamer City of Portland, which went to pieces on the Gangway Ledges in 1881. The discovery of the old wreck was made by divers. They reported that the chances were good for patching up and floating the City of Rockland.

The wrecking fleet arrived this afternoon. The divers report the City of Rockland resting on a huge boulder forward and an old sunken wreck aft. They could not find that the steamer was badly strained nor were they able to locate the leak in the bow. Two pumps will be rigged tomorrow and an effort will be made

so that the hull can be patched from the inside.

S. Murphy, of Boston, who represents the underwriters, is of the opinion that the Rockland can be floated tomorrow and towed to the city provided rough weather does not set in.

Among the freight rescued today was a trunk containing imported lace valued at \$15,000. The lace is ruined.

A large wrecking fleet still surrounds the stranded vessel and not the least interesting incidents at the scene today were the numerous fights among fishermen in their endeavor to secure valuable wrecks.

The agent of the line says the freight on the boat was valued at \$40,000, fully insured.

The City of Rockland