

**MURDER PLOT
OR A BLUNDER**

Mystery of Shooting at St. Petersburg Still Unsolved.

PROBABLY WORK OF ONE MAN

Entire Regiment Confined to Barracks While Searching Inquiry Goes On.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20. — 4:15 a.m. — In spite of the official statement that the cannon shot yesterday, which might easily have wiped out the whole of the Romanoff family, was the result of carelessness, in leaving a loaded cartridge in the breach of a gun after target practice, the mysterious case is still under the combined investigation of the military and police, and the authorities are little inclined as yet to accept the published version. The officers and men of the batteries have not been arrested, but are confined to barracks, and by the military regulations are so closely under restraint that it is impossible for the culprit or culprits to escape until the responsibility is determined.

It cannot be said definitely whether the affair was an accident. The general belief is that a widespread plot did not exist, but evidence of design is so apparent that the statement attributing the presence of a loaded shell to previous target practice, evoked smiles in many quarters. It is pointed out as being highly improbable that the gun had not been cleared for two days, and it is impossible that a second cartridge could have been inserted for saluting purposes behind the first. It is certainly a startling coincidence that the gun containing the missile should have been trained directly on the imperial chapel. Whatever may be the solution, it is a strange fact that the shot came from the Bourso Esplanade, where was stationed the First Horse Artillery of the Guard, the premier artillery organization of the empire, and one of the most noted regiments in the whole Russian service. The location of this organization of aristocratic tradition has included grand dukes, princes, and some of the most illustrious names in Russia. Lieut.-Gen. Gripenberg was formerly an officer.

Military experts say indications point to a charge consisting of grape having been inserted in a saluting cartridge. If this were the case probably only one man was involved. Certainly, if there were an extensive, deep-laid plot, or if an officer were involved, it was badly executed. It is pointed out that it is hardly probable that an expert artilleryman should have prepared a weak, scattering charge, which could hardly save anyone. It is also pointed out that the indication of design is in the fact that the gun was laid directly against the imperial pavilion. Had the gun contained a service charge or a regular shell, the pavilion must have been destroyed. It is clear, however, that the saluting was done most recklessly, as the flashes of the blank shots from St. Peter and St. Paul fortress showed that the guns were directed straight at the winter palace.

**HON. G. W. ROSS
AT THE CAPITAL**

Prospects of a Bumper House — Sir Wilfrid Laurier Will Speak in French.

Ottawa, Jan. 19. — Everything points to a bumper gathering in the Russell Theatre tomorrow night, when Premier Ross will speak in the interests of the Liberal candidates. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will speak in French. The Liberals seem to be the most confident, although the Conservatives are for Mr. Dennis Murphy, who is a strong man.

Hon. G. W. Ross will close his campaign with an address in Kingston on Monday night.

ARTIST BOUGHTON DEAD

Famous English Artist Passes Away at London.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 19. — George H. Boughton, the artist who died today in London, was born in England, but came here when only three years old. During his boyhood he studied art with masters, and opened his first studio here in 1850. His pictures are found in some of the most noted galleries of England and America.

PLACE FOR BORDEN

E. Kidd, M. P. for Carleton, Hanks in His Resignation.

Ottawa, Jan. 19. — Ed. Kidd, M. P. for Carleton, handed in his resignation to Hon. Speaker Sutherland today, and the writ for the bye-election will be issued at once. Nominations will likely be held on the 30th. There will be no opposition to Mr. Borden.

**Halifax-Boston Express
Wrecked by Bad Rail**

Durham, N. H., Jan. 20. — The Sun- rise express from Halifax and St. John for Boston was wrecked this morning a short distance west of the Durham station. Four cars were derailed and a number of persons were injured, four seriously. No one was killed. The accident was caused by a broken rail.

Those severely injured were: Miss Belle Donald, Hampton, N. B., severe injuries to head, and shoulder dislocated.

Colored porter of Pullman car, head and shoulders lacerated and bruised by being thrown through car window.

**OYAMA USING
NOGI'S BIG GUNS**

Russians Find Range Greatly Increased.

JAPS TAKE ANOTHER PRIZE

Pekin Believes Russian Protest as to Neutrality To Be a Mere Pretext.

Huanshan, Jan. 20. — A considerable increase has been noticeable the last few days in the range of the Japanese artillery. This fact affords ground for the belief that part of the heavy guns used in the siege of Port Arthur have been sent north. The Chinese confirm this. It is not believed, however, that any eleven or nine-inch guns have arrived and been placed in position.

The last three weeks of mild weather have favored Japanese operations.

Tokio, Jan. 20. — Noon. — It is stated that there are 18,556 sick and wounded Russian prisoners at Port Arthur. Of these 3,671 are connected with the navy.

Tokio, Jan. 20. — 11 a.m. — The British steamer Togo, which was captured by the Japanese cruiser Tokiwa in the Sea of Japan on Jan. 11, when bound for Vladivostok with a cargo of coal, has been condemned by the prize court at Sasebo.

Japs Celebrate. — Tokyo, Jan. 20. — Noon. — The business men of this city celebrated the capture of Port Arthur today. Speeches were made by the Premier, Count Kasura, Vice-Admiral Togo, and the ministers of war and the navy. An aide-de-camp of the Emperor left the Shinjishi station today, taking with him nine carloads of imperial gifts for the officers and men of the army in the field.

China and Russia. — Peking, Jan. 20. — A high official of the Chinese foreign office said in an interview this afternoon that the neutrality of China was assured now as hitherto. Every precaution was taken and he could only suppose that the present Russian complaints were intended to constitute a pretext for further demands as compensation for the loss of Port Arthur. The official emphatically denied that there was any connection between Chinese neutrality and anti-foreign feeling.

Spellbinders from the East. — Windsor, Ont., Jan. 20. — Jacques Breaux, P. M. of the Island, M. P., two of the best-known French Canadian orators have arrived here in the interest of Ernest Girardot, the Liberal candidate.

AS OTHERS SEE HIM!

[From the Sarnia Observer, Monday, Jan. 16.]

Mr. Adam Beck, of London, made his debut before a Sarnia audience at a Hanna meeting held here Thursday night. As a speaker, he is a poor specimen, and he left a very unfavorable impression personally by his unvery references to Hon. Mr. MacKay. If men, as a rule, followed Mr. Beck's example of referring to the private habits of their opponents, and told in public what they had learned by intimate social association with them, what he said about Mr. MacKay might as truthfully be said about most of those who were with him on the platform here. It is a very unusual and exceedingly distasteful style of attack, and stamps the individual who resorts to it as utterly lacking in the essential qualities of a gentleman. If Mr. Beck came all the way from London to deliver himself of that little piece of discreditable tattle, it would have been better for his reputation if he had stayed at home.

**MILL EXPLODES
AT GULTILAS, ONT.**

Three Employees Killed Outright and Two Others Fatally Injured.

Langton, Ont., Jan. 20. — Head's mill, at Gultilas, was blown up last night. Three men were killed and three others injured. The names of the killed are: Charles Panard, George Aspdren, George L. McCallum. The injured are: Freeman Moffatt, Michael Aspdren and George Whiteside. Neither Moffatt nor Aspdren are expected to recover, but Whiteside is only slightly injured.

**RUSSIAN STRIKERS
PARADE STREETS**

Then Enter Government Printing Works and Compel Employees to Quit.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20. — The employees of the Sangalli and Kolinkin spinning mill ceased work this morning, and considerable further accessions to the ranks of the strikers are expected in the course of the day. The men already out in pursuit of the plan to enforce a general strike are parading the streets of the Basil Island districts, compelling workshops, printing works and small shopkeepers to close. It is estimated that the bands so engaged aggregate 5,000 men. They have broken into several factories and into the printing works of the Academy of Sciences, forcing the employees to join the demonstration.

The strikers are demanding the management of the printing works, which is a government establishment, acting on the advice of the police, agreed to the men giving up work, so as to avoid a disturbance.

After Wifebeaters.

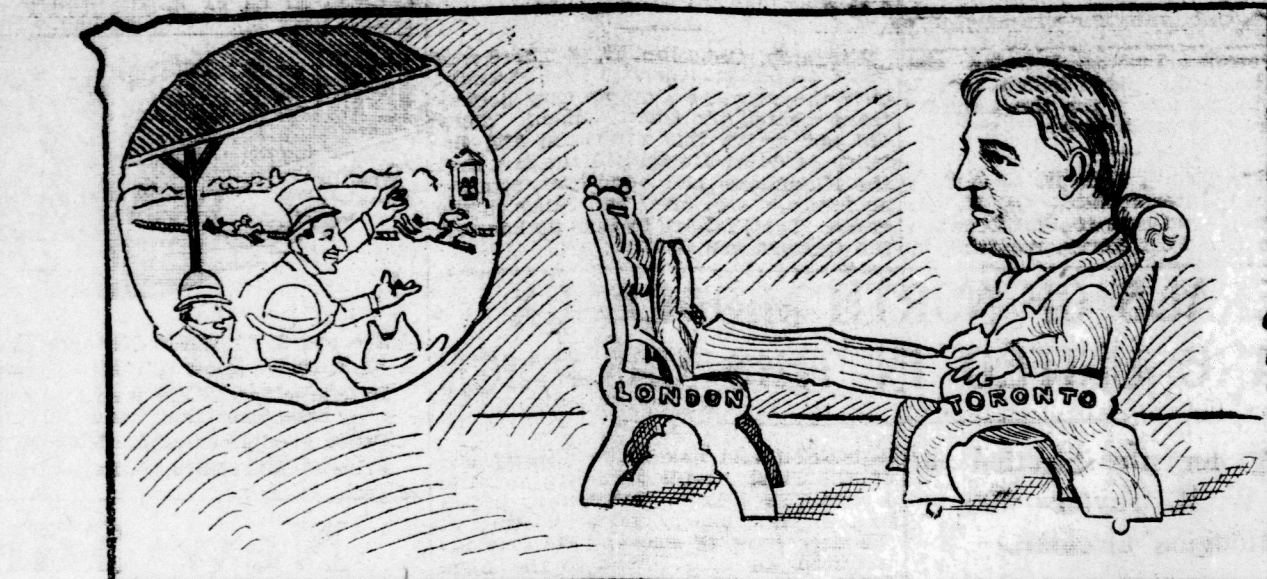
Boston, Jan. 20. — Corporal punishment for men who beat their wives is provided for in a bill filed in the State Senate yesterday.

Monarch of Mountains.

London, Friday, Jan. 20. — A dispatch to the Standard from Calcutta says that the Tibet survey mission has established the fact that Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world.

Hereros Surrender.

Berlin, Jan. 20. — Gen. von Trotha, commander of the German forces in Southwest Africa, which have been operating against the rebellious Hereros, reports the collapse of the rebellion. Chief William Maharero has surrendered. Several chiefs have died, and the warriors have scattered.



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FOR LOCAL OPTION

Thamesville Council Gives the Bylaw Its Final Reading.

Thamesville, Ont., Jan. 20. — The local option bylaw passed its third and final reading by the local council last night, and will go into effect on the first day of May.

GEORGIAN BAY WHITE PINE

Big Cut Expected This Season for American Markets.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 20. — A Bay City dispatch says: From practically nothing in 1898, the output of Georgian Bay sawmills grew to nearly 500,000 feet last year. Last season's cut was by far the largest in the history of Georgian Bay white pine industry. The prospects for the coming season indicate that there will be little if any diminution in the cut. Practically all the cutting is done by Michigan mills and men. The greater part of the output is marketed in the United States, and indeed the entire eastern market is now looking to Canada for its white pine, while Bay City, Saginaw, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland and Buffalo receive annually large quantities.

ASLEEP, DROVE INTO TRAIN

A Puce Farmer Has Narrow Escape From Death at Crossing.

Belle River, Ont., Jan. 20. — George Miller, a Puce farmer, was driving across the G. T. R. tracks yesterday when an incoming passenger train struck his sleigh, killed his two horses and threw him a considerable distance, rendering him unconscious. He was taken to his home, where it was found his injuries consisted of a shattered head and several ribs broken. He was probably asleep as he drove squarely into the train.

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BECK'S ATTACK UPON EX-ALD. PARNELL.

Mr. Beck says he cast no reflections upon ex-Ald. Parnell. Here is the offensive passage from Beck's nomination speech. Readers may judge for themselves whether there is any slur upon Mr. Parnell in it, and whether the latter was not justified in resenting it.

"Then who got the contracts? The lowest tenderer in every case, with one exception. That exception was ex-Ald. Parnell, of South London, and he has got the contract because the lowest tenderer's bread had been complained of, and Parnell's tender was the next lowest."

"But Mr. Parnell does not deserve very much from the city."

A Voice—He's a Grit!

Mr. Beck—That is not the question. He may be a Grit, but he is not a Liberal. He was the benefactor (sic) of the ballot scandal in my first municipal election. Whether he was a party to it or not, he got the benefit of the corrupt work, and such a man does not deserve anything at the hands of the citizens.

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**THIS IS MR. BECK'S GENERAL
FUND ALBERT ST. PAVEMENT**

Put Down to Beautify Mr. Beck's Factory Premises While He Was Mayor of London—Improve-ments Around His Residence Also.

The below is a view of Albert street, upon which Ex-Mayor Beck's box factory is situated, and upon which was laid out of the general funds a first-class broken-stone pavement at a cost of nearly \$1,000.

On this same street a sewer was re-built out of the general funds during Mr. Beck's mayoralty term. This reconstruction cost the citizens about \$300. Thus Albert street was accorded vastly better treatment than any other portion of the city. King street people, for example, asked for a pavement similar to that which was laid in front of Mr. Beck's property on Albert street, but they were refused. The people of Dundas street, between Adelaide and



The People Paid for This High-Class Pavement.

Wellington streets, asked the city to reconstruct a sewer which had been put down in a defective manner during Engineer Tracey's time, and which has been condemned by the present city engineer, but Mr. Beck and the council of last year at first refused to have anything to do with the reconstruction, unless the people paid the entire cost. And at last the council consented to reconstruct a portion of the sewer if the people would pay half the cost.

Why is it that Albert street was accorded this favored treatment? Is it because Mr. Beck was mayor of London, and Mr. Beck was a large property-holder on Albert street?

Let the people judge for themselves.

company existed, and the city paid the whole shot. Thus during Mr. Beck's term as mayor about two thousand dollars of the people's taxes were spent in beautifying and improving streets upon which Mr. Beck owns property.

And yet when the people of the out-lying district came before the council and asked for an electric light, or a culvert, or a small piece of drain to carry storm water away, they were told that the city had no funds.

Strange, isn't it? If you or any other property-owner wants a pavement similar to that on Albert street, you will be compelled to pay a frontage tax on it for a period of ten years at least.

But Mr. Beck pays nothing. Strange, isn't it?

**MR. RUMBALL'S EFFORTS IN
BEHALF OF WORKINGMEN**

Liberal Candidate Moving to Secure Improved Legislation

—Meeting at Car Works

That Mr. Fred G. Rumball will receive a generous support at the hands of the men employed in the Grand Trunk car works was shown at noon today, when the Liberal candidate, in company with Mr. John M. McKoy and Mr. John Stevely, visited the shops and addressed the employees in the dining-room. The reception accorded Mr. Rumball was decidedly enthusiastic. The popular candidate met a large percentage of the workmen personally, was assured of their sympathy for the Reform cause and good government, and when he arose to speak he was greeted with applause.

Matters of particular interest to the working classes were touched upon. It was shown that Mr. Rumball had done much to advance London's position as a manufacturing center, and it was also brought out that he had been interesting himself to secure legislation which would be particularly gratifying to organized labor and its friends. Mr. Rumball is now in communication with the Dominion authorities with a

view to permitting men while on strike to approach men taking their places and lay the cause of the trouble before them. In England, John Burns, the noted labor leader, had succeeded in getting such an act placed on the statute books, whereas in Canada at the present time a man is liable to prosecution for "picketing" at the time of a strike, if he approaches a non-union man and attempts to induce him to quit work. Should Mr. Rumball succeed, the workmen of Canada would enjoy the same privileges as do their brothers in England. The cry that Mr. Rumball was the enemy of labor was fully answered, for it was shown that during his experience as a manufacturer he had been a true friend to the workmen.

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