

## BULLETS INTENDED FOR CZAR CRASH INTO WINTER PALACE

Shots Fired Across Neva Smash Through the Windows During Religious Ceremony of Royal Party.

### ARMY SUSPECTED OF PLOTTING ASSASSINATION

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—The annual ceremony of blessing the waters in front of the winter palace was performed by Emperor Nicholas this morning. During the ceremony several shots were fired from across the Neva, and bullets entered windows of the palace. No one was hurt.

The Grand Duke Vladimir, eldest uncle of the Czar, immediately ordered an investigation and interrogated the witnesses.

Groups of ladies-of-honor who came in with the procession gathered in the hall to gaze at the tell-tale hole and listen to details of the incident.

No one was hurt, but the accident caused considerable alarm. A clean hole two inches in diameter was made through the double upper windows of Nicholas Hall, immediately above a window from which a group of correspondents and officers were viewing the ceremony. Electric lamps on the opposite side of the hall were smashed, and fell to the floor with a clatter. An officer picked up the bullet, which was of iron and resembled a shrapnel ball. The imperial procession soon after left the palace, and the ladies of honor followed in the procession.

The festival of the Epiphany, the blessing of the waters, had just concluded at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when simultaneously with the salute fired from the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress, either a rain of bullets or a shrapnel shot swept over the little chapel built out over the frozen Neva, in front of the winter palace, where Emperor Nicholas and every member of the Romanoff family were participating in the service.

The missiles went high, entering windows of the winter palace, and the water-front, from which the Empress, the ladies of the court and members of the diplomatic corps, and all the high dignitaries of the state, army and navy, were witnessing the glittering spectacle below.

Fortunately the bullets passed over the heads of all present striking the opposite wall, and clattering down on the parqueted floor of the white saloon. The first impression of those who heard the crash was that it was due to falling crystals from the glass chandeliers, and caused by confusion among the booming guns; but everybody had been laboring under a more or less nervous strain, because of the rumors of an attempt on the life of the Czar, and the greatest excitement reigned within the palace, and every member of the police of St. Petersburg, himself.

## KILLED CONSTABLE; ITALY FEARS WAR NEARLY LYNCHED WITH AUSTRIA

Officer Murdered Attempting to Replevin Logs Near Algonac, Mich.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 19.—An Algonac dispatch says: William Lauer, junior, who shot and killed Constable Moore yesterday, while the latter was attempting to replevin logs from the session of Sauer, was captured yesterday afternoon a few miles from here. Had he been brought here he certainly would have been lynched, as a large crowd was waiting for him with a rope. A detour was made however, and Sauer was taken to Roberts Landing. The Sauer case is now being handled in the middle channel, a few miles below here. The logs are some that broke away from the booms of the Fall Lumber Company, of Sarnia, two years ago.

### TAKEN TO LONDON ASYLUM

Adam Thearat, 1 name, Is Removed From Sandwich Jail.

Sandwich, Ont., Jan. 19.—Adam Thearat has been released from the Sandwich jail and taken to London Asylum. Thearat became insane several years ago and was sent to the asylum at London, but escaped six months ago and walked to his home in Sandwich. Here he lived with his family for some time until two weeks since, when he attacked his wife with an axe and drove her from the house.

### SLAVERY ABOLISHED

Italy Declares It Must Not Exist in Her African Colonies.

Rome, Jan. 19.—The Italian Government has issued a decree providing for the abolition of slavery in Italy's East African colonies. The terms of the decree are considered to be more liberal than those issued by any other European nation having colonies in Africa.

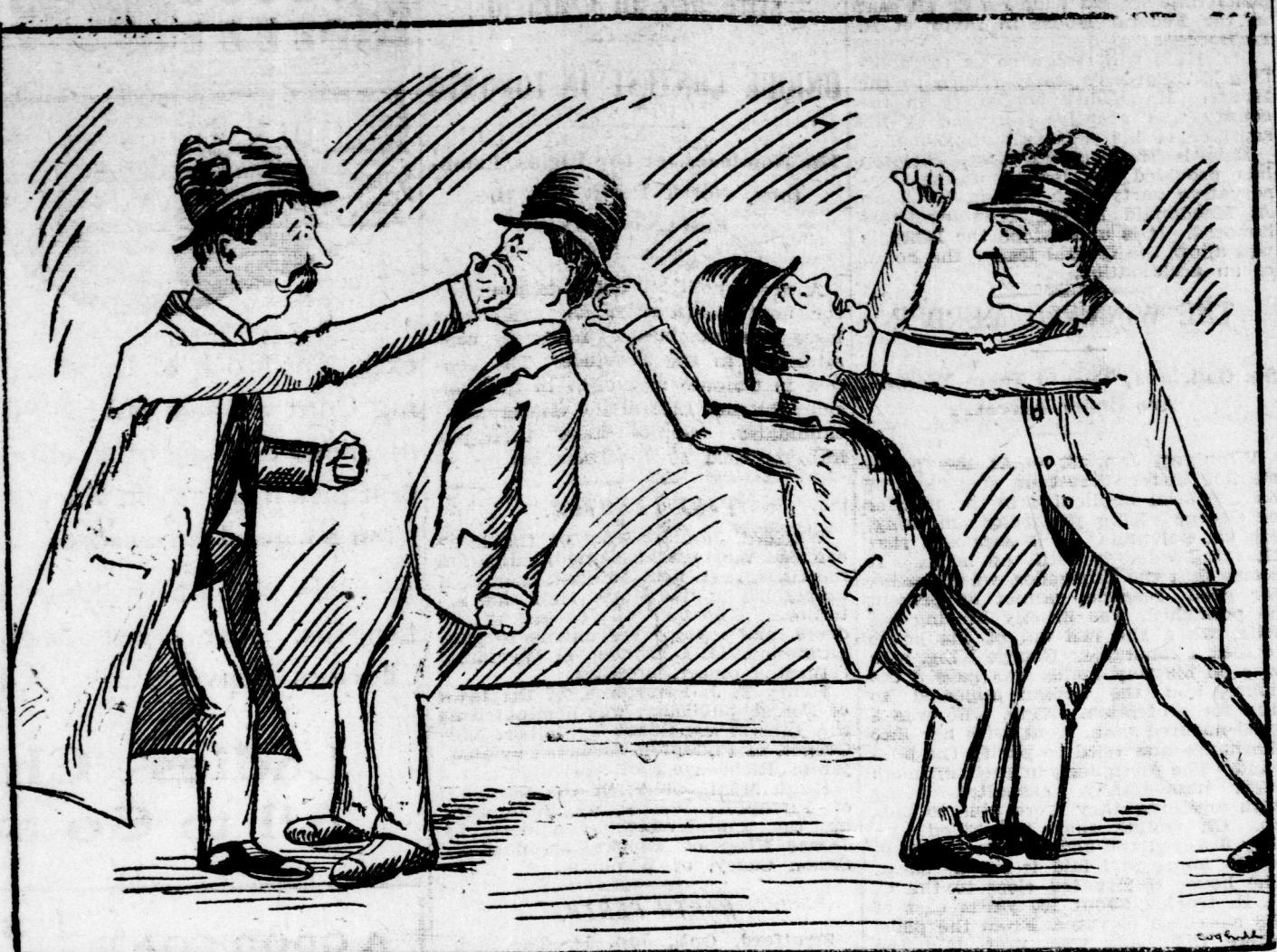
### To Avenge Missionaries.

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—Captain Kivim, from the schooner Carrie and Annie, which has arrived from Pamp, in the Marshall group of islands, reports that during the Carrie and Annie's stay at Pamp the German boat Cador arrived on its way to Guinea to avenge the assassination of missionaries by five Catholic priests among Germany's South Sea possessions as missionaries.

## Three English Expresses Collide in London Fog

Several Passengers Killed in Bad Crash—Artist Brought Injured.

London, Jan. 19.—An alarming collision in which three trains were involved, including two Scotch expresses, occurred on the Midland Railway near Barnet, early this morning. Four passengers and two railwaymen were killed, and a score were injured, of which seven were seriously hurt. The accident occurred in a fog, the third train crashing into the wreckage resulting from the first collision. The cars of one of the Scotch expresses burst into flames and were soon ablaze from end to end. There were not many passengers on the train or the chances must have been far heavier as the impact was so great that the cars were telescoped and splintered into matchwood. Among the injured Robert Brough, the artist.



New Method of Button-Holing Voters. Patented by two eminent Conservative statesmen.

## NEW CHAIRMAN OF RR. COMMITTEE Mr. Beck's Ruling Caused Tearing Up of Rectory St.

Senator Casgrain Succeeds Pelletier—Gacconi Likely to Escape Gallows.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Senator J. P. B. Casgrain was today appointed chairman of the railway committee in place of Sir Alphonse P. Pelletier, who was recently appointed to the bench.

The Government has decided to give a respite until the 25th inst. to Gacconi, the Italian who was to have been hanged in Montreal, tomorrow. This is to give time for a reconsideration of the case. It is likely now that Gacconi will escape the gallows. That is generally the case when respite is extended under such circumstances.

### RARE BOOKS THESE

Five Volumes From Famous Collection Sell for \$100,000.

London, Jan. 19.—The Sothebys, art auctioneers, have just arranged the sale by private treaty of five volumes for \$100,000. They are an Evangelarium of the sixth century and other similar manuscripts of the sixth and seventh centuries, formerly belonging to the Guglielmo Libri collection. Their value centers chiefly in elaborate early metal bindings and ornamented initials and bas-reliefs of precious stones. The same volumes were purchased in the early sixties for \$3,150, and have remained in the then purchaser's hands ever since. The name of the purchaser has not been disclosed.

### A WEDDING TRAGEDY

The Groom Drops Dead Shortly After Being Married.

Quebec, Jan. 18.—A most unexpected death occurred this afternoon at the residence of Mr. James Millar, near this city, amidst the enjoyment of a wedding dinner. Mr. William Lash, of Montreal, was married to Mrs. Millar's sister, Miss Jane Anderson. The happy couple had gone upstairs to prepare to take the 2:45 Grand Trunk train. Messages of congratulation were being read by some of the friends, when Lash suddenly fell down. Dr. McKendrick, of Galt, who was present as a guest, did everything possible to restore vitality, but to no purpose. He died within an hour and a half from the time of the wedding the groom had passed away.

### COMBES FULL OF FIGHT

Declares He Will Battle On Until the Triumph of His Policy.

Paris, Jan. 19.—M. Combes, the retiring Premier, in the course of an interview, published in the Martin today, said he considered it right to consult with the majority groups regarding the political programme, which he had faithfully endeavored to carry out. The defections causing the downfall of the ministry came from within. In his opinion, he said, it was immoral for the dissidents to form part of the new Government. He would continue to work unceasingly, he added, towards the triumph of the policy for which he had battled the last three years.

### JACK FROST SPREADS RUIN

The Gardens of the Italian Riviera Scene of Desolation.

New York, Jan. 19.—A Paris dispatch to the Herald says: A cold snap, which has been sweeping across the Italian Riviera in the recent cold snap, was very widespread. Flowers suffered and fruit was injured, perishes destroyed. Ruin extends all over the Italian Riviera and the French littoral. The beautiful gardens of Nice and its neighborhood are all over the place. It is impossible to estimate the loss. Florists at Cannes say it will be at least 4,000,000 francs (\$600,000). Dispatches give a gloomy picture of the desolation caused by this cold spell, which is the worst the Riviera has ever known.

### THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Cold.

London, Thursday, Jan. 19. Sun rises, 7:46 a.m. Moon sets, 5:57 p.m. Sun sets, 5:11 p.m. Moon rises, 5:57 a.m.

### ACTOR WYNDHAM INJURED

Hit by a New York Street Car and Shoulder Dislocated.

New York, Jan. 19.—Sir Charles Wyndham, the English actor, was badly injured last evening by a trolley car. His right shoulder was dislocated and he was unable to appear last night in "The Case of Rebellious Susan" at the Lyceum Theater.

### Paltry and Spiteful Attitude of Late Member Toward South-Western Traction Co.

One of the strongest points made by Ex-Mayor Rumball in his address to the electors in the city hall yesterday was when he showed up Ex-Mayor Beck's attitude in the Legislature in regard to the Southwestern Traction Company—a concern owned and controlled by Mr. Beck's fellow-citizens.

While on the way to the theater, Mr. Wyndham was knocked down and the motorman was barely able to avoid running over him. When picked up, he was very faint and was suffering from shock. He soon recovered, however, and continued his way to the theater. There physicians discovered that the actor's shoulder was dislocated and that he had many severe bruises.

## MR. BECK AS A PARTISAN; IGNORED LOWEST TENDER

Threw Away \$500 to Help His Political Friends.

Unsavory Story of Letting of Nurses' Home Contracts.

Scheme Which Was Rushed Through by Deception—If This Is Not Partisanship What Is?

Ex-Mayor Beck says he is not a partisan, and in his speech at the city hall asked the meaning of the word.

He has the assurance to say this in face of the fact—attested by the official records—that he systematically expelled Liberals from all share in the government of the city and treated them as if they had no rights as fellow-citizens.

And it not infrequently occurred that Mr. Beck handed over jobs to his political supporters at a higher figure than the tenders of Liberal contractors.

One of the most glaring abuses of his office by Mr. Beck is to be found in the letting of the contracts for the Nurses' Home.

The hospital building committee, like all other bodies appointed by last year's council, was overwhelmingly Tory. The committee, like the Nurses' Home, was hatched by Mr. Beck.

Mr. Beck when it came to letting the contracts for the Nurses' Home, Mr. Beck and his party friends gave the contract for the carpenter work to Jones Bros. at \$9,488, despite the fact that Mr. W. S. Davidson, a reliable contractor, offered to do it for \$8,000.

At the time the contract was awarded, Mr. Beck and his friends declared that it was absolutely necessary to give the work to some large firm capable of finishing it without delay, as the home was urgently needed. But the proof of the deception practiced upon the people at that time is to be found in the fact that at this date the Nurses' Home is still unfinished, and it will not be completed for some months yet.

Why is it that a clause in the contract stipulated that the carpenter work was to be completed by July, 1904, and the job still hangs fire?

Why was it that the tender for the carpenter work was not given to the lowest tenderer?

Why was it that Mr. Beck deluded the people by telling them that the Nurses' Home was an absolute necessity, and that the hospital had continued to flourish without it ever since?

Why was it that at the last meeting of the Hospital Trust of 1904 Mr. Beck railroaded through the appointment of a lady from Philadelphia as matron of the Nurses' Home at a salary of \$300 per annum, her appointment to date from the 1st of January, 1905, when it was well known that the home will not be completed for some months yet?

Perhaps the people will learn the true state of affairs one of these days when a large bill of extras will be presented for it is well known that the \$25,000 of debenture money will not cover the cost of the home. The people will find that Mr. Beck has deceived them in this matter just as he did on the increase in the assessment of the city taxes.

It is due to Mr. Beck to explain this piece of wholesale deception. Mr. Beck has cost the people dearly, and it is his duty to cost them more money. He has cost the city \$25,000 of debentures for the home being issued in 1903. It was necessary that interest and sinking fund should be provided in 1904. The city last year paid out in interest of \$1,000 on the debentures, and was cost \$1,000 more. This sum of nearly \$1,500 came out of the people's hard-earned taxes. Certainly Mr. Beck's scheme was a high one. A few more nurses' homes and a few more Albert streets, and the people's taxes would be all used up for Mr. Beck's personal gratification.

## RUMBALL SAVED PEOPLE'S PROPERTY THE MEDAL THAT FAILED

Had the Grand Trunk Roundhouse Placed Where It Injures Nobody.

Mr. Beck Was to Give It, but It Has Been Two Years Coming.

The residents of that part of the city lying south of the Grand Trunk Railway and east of Adelaide street, are very much indebted to Mr. Rumball for the steps he took in regard to the location of the new Grand Trunk roundhouse. The railway company succeeded in getting the city council—Mr. Beck was then mayor—to give it a strip of eighteen feet off Simcoe street east of Adelaide, in order that the roundhouse would not have to be reduced in size. The deal was completed, but Mr. Rumball saw that to have the building erected on that site would mean a great depreciation in the value of a large amount of residential property and would also affect some manufacturing concerns. He set to work and after some time succeeded in getting the Grand Trunk management to change the location of the roundhouse to the property immediately south of the station in East London. By this change none of the property owners suffered, whereas if the building had been erected on the site originally decided upon some owners would have lost considerably.

### Mr. Beck Tried to Knife

Enterprising Citizens

Work on the road progressed during 1902 and 1904, and at both sessions of the Legislature, certain amendments asked by the company were secured, despite Beck's opposition.

Then a company of Chicago and Toronto capitalists tried to buy out the Southwestern Traction Company, but Mr. Rumball refused to sell the small shareholders out. The would-be purchasers then applied for a charter to cover another route of the same route as the Southwestern Traction Company, and the application was naturally opposed by Mr. Rumball, on behalf of the company, and Mr. Beck was vigorously supported, working against his own townsmen.

It is alleged that Mr. Beck favored the Chicago and Toronto capitalists because of a personal friendship he enjoyed with them, but no matter what was the cause, the fact remains that Mr. Beck did all in his power to knife his fellow-townsmen at Toronto.