

ALLEGED PLOT TO KILL TAFT

REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN PLANNED IN EAST

Conspiracy is Believed to Include Several Murders at Spokane

(Times Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Wash., March 6.—Involving an alleged plot on the part of eastern anarchists to kill President Taft when he leaves the White House on his vacation, the contemplated murder of Mayor Nelson S. Pratt, the murder of Police Captain J. T. Sullivan and merchants' policeman Philip Southen, charges were filed this morning against Stuart Moffett and John Steele.

Moffett is alleged to have been one of the instigators of the Haymarket riot and Steele is alleged to be one of the inner circle of anarchists. They were arrested Friday night when Moffett was found loitering around the residence of Mayor Pratt.

Both Moffett and Steele have been in Spokane for several years. Since the murder of Captain Sullivan, when their suspicious actions attracted attention at the funeral, they have been under surveillance.

Steele is alleged to have told Moffett and another man after the shooting of Captain Sullivan, that he left the scene and walked down the principal streets to the business district, passing numerous policemen as they hurried back and forth in search of the assassin. They first planned to kill Mayor Pratt. It is charged, as Captain Sullivan was killed.

Moffett reconnoitered the Pratt home, the police say, and found an armed guard watching the residence. He reported this to Steele and the pair declared they would "get him" some other way. Moffett went back Friday night to see if a guard could not be avoided or put out of the way, that more mystery might be attached to the crime.

The first plan of the alleged conspirators was to wait until after election, says Captain of Detectives M. J. Burns. For some unknown reason the means are alleged to have changed their plans.

"Taft will get his when he leaves the White House on his vacation," Steele is alleged to have told his companions. He claimed to be one of the inner circle of anarchists and had correspondence regarding the plot against Taft from eastern anarchists.

STRICT. ED. VALDEZ Robert Samuel intend to apply the following at a post Upper Valley of 80 chairs, bench west of us, thence west back, thence of Smyth. EL SMYTH. STRICT. ED. CORTEZ William Ellyth intend to apply the following at a post east side of 40 chairs more or less. AH BRINK. STRICT. ED. CORTEZ Thomas Smyth intend to apply the following at a post corner of Whitehill and south, thence more or less. AS SMYTH. STRICT. ED. CORTEZ Charles intend to apply the following at a post corner of Whitehill and south, thence more or less. DES SMITH.

NINETY LOSE LIVES IN THEATRE

WILD PANIC FOLLOWS EXPLOSION AND FIRE

Victims, Mostly Children, Are Trampled Under Foot or Burned to Death

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Ninety persons, mostly children, were burned and trampled to death in a fire here yesterday in a moving picture theatre at Belgrade. Forty were seriously injured.

Five hundred were in the theatre when it caught fire from an explosion of the moving picture machine. The audience became panic stricken and in their mad rush for the exits closed the doors and passageways. Men in their frenzy of terror beat down women and children and trampled them under foot.

Few of the bodies of the victims were recognizable.

MUST PAY SEVEN MILLIONS.
Washington, D. C., March 6.—The Supreme court of the United States today handed down a decision that the state of West Virginia must pay Virginia \$7,182,000 in settlement of a long-standing state debt.

The suit grows out of the action of congress in 1862. As a war measure West Virginia was created into a new state from territory within the bounds of Virginia. In the turmoil which prevailed at the time, no provision, of course, could have been made for the division of the indebtedness of the state of Virginia.

After the war Virginia started action toward requiring West Virginia to assume a rateable share of its debt. The claim was disputed and the subject has passed through various vicissitudes until the final decision from the Supreme court was made today.

NO NEGOTIATIONS FOR INTERCOLONIAL
Hon. G. P. Graham Denies Private Company is Seeking Railway

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, March 6.—No negotiations have been going on for the acquisition or lease of the intercolonial railway by any private company and the line will remain a government road for some time," said Hon. Geo. P. Graham, minister of railways and canals here today.

Hon. Mr. Graham would not speak of the report that Hon. Clifford Sifton would contend in Brockville at the next general election. "I did not start that story," he said, "and Mr. Sifton has said nothing to me about it. Moreover, Mr. Sifton and I have always been firm friends."

RUEF STILL FIGHTING.
Attorneys Will Ask the Supreme Court For Rehearing.

San Francisco, Cal., March 6.—Abe Ruef's attorneys are making their last stand this afternoon to save the formation of political boss from the penitentiary. They ask the Supreme court for a rehearing. If the application is denied the lawyers probably will apply to the United States circuit court to-morrow for a writ by which they hope to prevent Ruef being taken to San Quentin. Ruef said today that he had no hope of further delay and was resigned to the trip to prison.



OUR NAPOLEON HAS REMONITIONS OF HIS WATERLOO.

At a great mass meeting held in Vancouver on Saturday evening the five city members were asked to resign their seats. At the same meeting Mayor Taylor challenged the attorney-general to resign his seat and contest the constituency against him (Mr. Taylor), standing as a candidate in the interests of the people.

VANCOUVER FIVE ASKED TO RESIGN

MEMBERS ACCUSED OF FAILING TO DO DUTY

Resolution Adopted Declaring They Have No Longer Support of Electors

Vancouver, March 6.—A resolution calling upon the five who represent the city of Vancouver in the provincial legislature to resign because of the attitude they have adopted in regard to the annexation of South Vancouver was carried unanimously by a standing vote at a mass meeting at the Vancouver opera house Saturday night. Mayor Taylor, Reeve Pound, Alderman Rev. Merton Smith, who presided, and a number of others delivered addresses condemning the government and the local members, and dilating upon the handicap that South Vancouver was subjected to by the refusal of the cabinet to grant the necessary legislation.

The mayor declared himself willing to resign and ran against Attorney-General Eowen for the local legislature to test the opinion of the public on the subject.

The following was the main resolution: Whereas, in the interests of the city of Vancouver and of the district of South Vancouver it is imperative that the said district of South Vancouver should forthwith be annexed to and become part of the city of Vancouver; and whereas, in order that said district may be so annexed it is necessary that enabling legislation be enacted by the government of the province of British Columbia;

And whereas a large majority of the residents and electors of said city and district are desirous of having such legislation enacted and said district so annexed and have so expressed themselves by plebiscites, by resolutions passed at public meetings and by many representative bodies and have urged the government of British Columbia to enact such necessary legislation and the government has, without logical reason, refused to grant such requests, thereby injuring said city and district, retarding the growth and development of the same, preventing the installation of proper sewerage and subjecting the residents to the danger of an epidemic; and whereas the five members elected to represent the city of Vancouver in the legislature of British Columbia are supporting the government in the refusal of the requests of the electors and disregarding the best interests of said city and in that respect are in violation of their duty as representatives of the people.

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city of Vancouver, and no longer have the support of a majority of the electors of said city.

RUSHING RELIEF FOR STARVING CHINESE

U. S. Transports Leave Seattle With Wheat and Other Food Supplies

Seattle, Wash., March 6.—The transport Buford, carrying hundreds of tons of wheat and other food supplies for the famine sufferers in China, is steaming out of Puget Sound this morning, bound on a speedy voyage across the Pacific, the holds carrying the contributions of hundreds of American people who have rushed to the aid of the dying Chinese.

The relief was made up under the direction of the Seattle Commercial Club, the use of the transport being donated by the United States government.

The value of the cargo is \$50,000, and goes to the American consul general at Shanghai for distribution. The largest individual donor was the Christian Herald of New York, providing 1,500,000 pounds of flour. Portland's Contribution.

CONFLAGRATION AT MINNEAPOLIS

FIRE CAUSES LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$1,000,000

Two Women Are Believed to Have Lost Their Lives in the Flames

Minneapolis, Minn., March 6.—Firemen today are searching for the bodies of Miss Mary Buck, proprietor of the Arima restaurant, and her maid, Bertha Radons, who are believed to have been burned to death in the fire which today Sunday destroyed the Synthes block on Nicollet avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets, entailing a loss of \$1,000,000. The women were asleep in the building.

The fire was reported with thrilling news to a dozen persons being removed from the upper stories of the structure while the flames were bursting from the building.

It was necessary to call on the fire department of St. Paul to furnish aid in subduing the flames which raged for the greater part of the morning. The fighting of the fire was made extremely hazardous by numerous explosions of gas under the sidewalk, blowing flaming brands many blocks from the scene of the conflagration.

Among the heaviest losers are: Minneapolis Dry Goods company, \$250,000; Model Clothing company, \$150,000; Hudson & Co., \$500,000. The loss to the building is estimated at \$200,000.

ARIZONA'S CONSTITUTION.
Progressive Provisions Will Be Passed by Insurgent Congress.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Although the senate failed to ratify the Arizona constitution because of its progressive provisions which include the initiative, referendum and recall of judges, the Arizona delegation left for home today after having been assured that the incoming congress will ratify the constitution at the earliest possible moment.

WILL STIMULATE B. C. INDUSTRIES

WILLIAM SLOAN ON RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

Brandon Grain Growers Repudiate Recent Speech of Clifford Sifton

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, March 6.—The reciprocity agreement will prove a great stimulus to fishing, lumbering and mining, the three great industries of British Columbia," thus spoke William Sloan, Nanaimo, ex-M. P. for Comox-Atlin, B. C., this morning. Mr. Sloan is in the east on private business.

Mr. Sloan does not expect any disaster to the fruit growing industry on the Canadian Pacific coast. The orchards in British Columbia are not fully developed, he said, and it will take them about five years to reach full producing stage. By that time the demand on the prairies will exceed the supply.

Repudiate Sifton's Speech.
Brandon, March 6.—The grain growers of the district met on Saturday afternoon and repudiated the utterances of their member Hon. Clifford Sifton.

Letter from Sifton.
Ottawa, March 6.—The Evening Press publishes the following letter from Hon. Clifford Sifton:

"In your issue of March 2 I observe an editorial in which the following words appear: 'In other words, since 1887, Mr. Clifford Sifton has become a manufacturer and his political speculations have not clouded, just as the political vision of other manufacturers has become obscured.'"

"You have been misinformed. The statement is entirely incorrect. I am not a manufacturer. I have no money invested in manufacturing in any way that can possibly be affected by the tariff policy. My political speculations have not become obscured on the contrary, they never were so clear as signed: 'Clifford Sifton.'"

CANADA'S MINERAL OUTPUT GROWING
Returns for Last Year Show Increase of \$13,207,517 Over 1909

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 6.—The mines department report shows that the total mineral production in Canada for 1910 was \$105,040,958, an increase of \$13,207,517 or fourteen per cent. over 1909. Gold production was \$10,224,910; silver, \$17,224,910; coal, \$20,811,750. All provinces show an increase except New Brunswick. British Columbia's output was \$24,547,817, as compared to \$22,479,006 in 1909. The Pacific province ranks next to Ontario, which produced \$43,017,052.

TO VISIT BERLIN.
Duke and Duchess of Connaught to be Guests of Kaiser Before Coming to Canada.

(Special to the Times.)

London, March 6.—The Berlin correspondent of the Sunday Times today says that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have accepted invitation to visit the Kaiser prior to their proceeding to Canada.

MURDERER FEIGNS INSANITY IN HOSPITAL
Investigation Into War Office Demanded as Result of Tragedy at Rome

(Times Leased Wire.)

Rome, March 6.—Radicals in the national parliament to-day are demanding an investigation of the laxity of the war office as a result of disclosures following the killing of Countess Guilla di Trivona by Lieut. Zaccaro. Paterno was a cavalry lieutenant in good standing, despite the fact that he had been guilty of bragging, cheating at cards, beating women and defrauding his creditors. The minister of war says Paterno was not dismissed because the war office did not know his disreputable character. In the hospital to-day Paterno is apparently insane, but physicians assert his madness is feigned.

BITTER STRUGGLE IN ZION CITY

INDEPENDENTS RESENT ACTIONS OF VOLIVA

Preparations Also Being Made to Resist State Order Regarding Vaccination

(Times Leased Wire.)

Zion City, Ill., March 6.—Dowleites, under the leadership of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, who succeeded John Alexander Dowle as the titular head of the sect bearing Dowle's name, threaten civil war or armed insurrection against the authority of the state of Illinois. The state board of health has ordered that every citizen of Zion be vaccinated. The Zionites have voted to resist the order "to the death."

Interline strife also exists, resulting in serious rioting in the streets. Armed guards have been posted to prevent an outbreak by the "independents," or anti-Volivaite, who are holding a meeting to-day in the tabernacle. Voliva has decided to post a guard with a drum in the tabernacle. The appearance of the state vaccination squad will be the signal for the guards to beat the drum, summoning Zionists to the tabernacle armed and prepared to resist the physicians of the state health board.

A similar signal will also call the faithful together to resist any movement on the part of the independents. The Voliva faction favors following the rigid rules enacted by John Alexander Dowle, when he was in absolute control of the city, prohibiting smoking, oysters, soda water, drugs, pork, candy and other delicacies. The independents are in favor of much laxity. Two years ago the independents were successful in placing members of their faction in many important city offices. Since that time, pork, cigars, cigarettes and other "delicacies" have been sold. Last week, by purchase, Voliva secured control of the city. He caused to be posted in a conspicuous place a sign bearing the legend "Zion City, the perfect city. No tobacco, no whiskey, no theatres, no doctors, no drugs, no pork, no oysters. It is a clean city for clean people."

Later Voliva, with five hundred adherents, paraded the streets and were attacked by the independents. Last night giant negroes, armed with rifles, guarded the street headed by Voliva. This morning they were relieved by four armed men.

Voliva, in an interview to-day, said that guards would be maintained until after election, April 18, when the orthodox Dowleites expect to be victorious. He said: "The independents—infidels, I should say—secured control two years ago. I should have been their ruler that day. We are in control now and will return to the good old order. Next election we will skin them alive and hang their hides up to dry."

The independents are preparing to resist Voliva desperately. The industries founded by Dowle are being neglected and there is great suffering throughout the city. Grocers report that the sale of food is nil, because the people have no money.

WOMAN GUARDED IN COURT ROOM

Is Placed on Trial Charged With Having Killed Five-Year-Old Son

(Times Leased Wire.)

Albany, N. Y., March 6.—The trial of Mrs. Edith Melber, for the murder of her five year old son, whom she killed by giving carbolic acid, some months ago, because it is alleged she wanted to marry a man who did not like the lad, began here this afternoon. Owing to the fact that popular feeling is against her and citizens are still much wrought up on account of her act, she is being heavily guarded in the court room. Two deputies are stationed at the side of the prisoner's chair and several more are scattered among the spectators. The prosecution announced that it will demand the death sentence. The defence will plead insanity as an excuse for the murder.

Her attorneys assert that Mrs. Melber has developed quick consumption and that she has not long to live, no matter what the verdict of the jury will be. That the woman in a victim of some disease was easily seen when she was brought into the court room. She was pale, emaciated and could hardly walk to the bar. The woman has been deserted by all her relatives save a sister. It is not known whether Mrs. Melber will testify. Off the stand she has denied that she planned to kill her child as the state charges. She says she made him swallow the poison when her mind was deranged by cold and hunger she had suffered. She killed the boy on the outskirts of Albany, where the body was found several days later.