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CZAR'S UNCLE IS BLOWN TO PIECES; EMPEROR TO BE NEXT

Bomb, Thrown by Terrorist, Tears Off Head of Grand Duke Sergius--Russian Capital in a Panic

Moscow, Feb. 18--4.20 a. m.--Within the walls of the famous Kremlin palace, and almost underneath the historical tower from which Ivan the Terrible watched the

deed was committed by a single terrorist, who threw beneath the carriage of the grand duke a bomb charged with the same high-power explosive which wrought Minister Von Plehve's death.

Every window in the great lofty facade of the palace of justice was shattered, and bits of iron were embedded deeply in the walls of the arsenal, 100 yards away.

Duke Knew He Was Marked.

The assassin belongs to the noted "fighting group" of the Socialist revolutionary, which has removed other prominent officials and long since passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius.

It was the irony of fate that Sergius, after taking refuge in his country villa during the strike troubles of a month ago, and later seeking a more secure shelter in the palace within the Kremlin walls, should be killed while proceeding to the

Grand Duchess Elizabeth, who had been engaged daily in the task of preparing comforts for the sick and wounded Russian soldiers in Manchuria, was about to drive to the palace to join her husband. When she heard of what had befallen the grand duke she was driven in haste to the scene of the tragedy and knelt, hatless and coatless, on the blood-stained snow, and murmured prayers for the welfare of the soul of her slain consort.

The scene of the crime was the great open triangle within the Kremlin, bounded by the arsenal, treasury and courts of jus-

tion, in one angle of which is the Nicholas or Little Palace, where the grand duke dwelt. At the opposite corner is the Nikolsky gate, the exit to the town beyond the ramparts. A few minutes before the bell of the gate sounded the hour of 3, the equipment of the grand duke emerged from the gates of the palace and proceeded, followed by sleighs containing secret police, to a smart pace towards the gate, passing the Choudoff cloister, Ivan's Tower, the Great Czar bell, and long rows of cannon captured from Napoleon in the winter retreat of 1812.

Assassin in Workman's Attire.

When the carriage was in front of the courts of justice, where the walls of the triangle approach, forming a narrow entrance to the Nikolsky gate, a man clad in workman's attire, stepped forward from the sidewalk and threw a bomb which he had concealed beneath his coat. A terrible explosion followed and hail of iron pelleted the grim stone walls of the arsenal and courts of justice. A thick cloud of smoke, snow and debris arose. When it had cleared a ghastly sight was presented.

On the snow lay fragments of the body of Grand Duke Sergius, mingled with the wreck of the carriage. The Grand Duke's head had been torn from his body and reduced to a shapeless pulp, and the trunk and limbs were frightfully mangled. A finger bearing a rich seal ring was found lying several yards away. The crimson tint and a sickening smell of blood were everywhere. Only a few fragments of clothing indicated that the body had once been clothed. The coachman lay moaning with pain beside a deep hole in the pavement. The horses, dragging the front wheels of the carriage had dashed off, maddened with pain, to sink dying before they reached the gate.

Explosion Terrific.

The sound of the terrific explosion was heard throughout the city and even beyond the river. A crowd immediately began to assemble and even to handle grim evidences of the tragedy while they discussed the affair in awestruck voices.

Police officials rapidly gathered, but before anything could be done towards collecting the scattered fragments of the body, Grand Duchess Elizabeth drove up in an open carriage. She had dropped her work at the headquarters of the Red Cross and sped to the scene of the crime without waiting to don her outer wraps. She broke down entirely at the sight and dropped to her knees, sobbing bitterly. After a few minutes she was led away. Then a stretcher was brought and, covered

with a plain soldier's cloak, the remains of Sergius were borne to the Choudoff cloister, where officials and members of the Grand Duke's suite had assembled.

The assassin was thrown to the ground and stunned by the force of the explosion; but he quickly arose and ran towards the gate, attempting to escape. His haste and the blood streaming from his face where he had been wounded by fragments of the bomb, attracted the attention of a sergeant of police, who seized him before he could draw his revolver.

The man did not deny his crime, but on the contrary gloried in its success. He expressed satisfaction that he had been able to kill the Grand Duke without involving the latter's innocent wife. He avowed his membership in the Social revolutionary organization, but refused to give his name, and at the jail his papers were found to be forged.

Czar a Marked Man, Too.

Berlin, Feb. 17--The news of the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius reached the Russian embassy here first through a newspaper correspondent. Travelers from St. Petersburg who had arrived in this city say it was common talk there that the terrorists had marked four persons for execution, the emperor, Grand Duke Sergius, Governor General Trepoff, of St. Petersburg, and Interior Minister Bouli-gan.

The Pope's Comment.

Rome, Feb. 17--The tragic death of Grand Duke Sergius has produced a profound impression here. King Emmanuel sent his condolences to the grand duchess personally and was most affected by the assassination.

The Pope on learning of the murder was deeply shocked. He said: "How sad it is that people think they can find relief in violence."

Cassini Shocked.

Washington, Feb. 17--Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, was shocked to hear of the assassination of the Grand Duke Sergius. He is anxiously awaiting news direct from Russia, as his son-in-law, Count Mendgen, is master of the court at Moscow and a member of the grand duke's household and with the Countess Meglen, the ambassador's daughter, makes his home in that city.

An Appeal to the Empress.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17--The Empress of Russia has received from the women of Moscow an address piteously appealing to her majesty as a woman and a mother, to use her influence with the emperor to secure peace.

Sergius Very Unpopular.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17--4.20 p. m.--As governor general of Moscow the Grand Duke Sergius was intensely unpopular. His advent as governor general of Moscow was followed by expulsion of the Jews from the central provinces and throughout his administration his rigorous and harsh measures aroused the greatest hostility, especially among the students. Two years

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ago after the student's riot in which many were killed or wounded, several hundred expulsions to Siberia followed the orders of Grand Duke Sergius and General Trepoff, now governor general of St. Petersburg, but who was then chief of police of Moscow.

\$10,000 FIRE AT NORTH SYDNEY Sydney, N. S. Feb. 17--(Special)--Fire this afternoon completely destroyed the McDonald block at North Sydney, causing loss of more than \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

As there were many threats made against his life the Grand Duke was obliged to flee to his summer residence twenty miles from the city. During the recent strike disturbances the grand duke left the Diskoutchy palace on the outskirts of the city where he had been living and took refuge inside the ramparts of the Kremlin where he had since lived in what is known as the little palace opposite the famous statue of Alexander II. The trip to the Kremlin on that occasion was made at night between solid lines of troops.

CAREFUL MOTHERS. The little trouble that children come without warning, and the mother should know at hand a medicine to relieve and cure the ailments of childhood.

WENDALL P. JONES BY ACCLAMATION

J. H. R. Sims Filed His Nomination Too Late for Sheriff Hayward to Accept.

Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 18--(Special)--At the proceedings at the court house today for the nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wendall P. Jones from the legislative assembly to accept the office of solicitor-general, quite a mix-up occurred.

Mr. Sims arrived at the court house before 9 o'clock. He seemed to take things easy regarding his nomination paper and did not have his agent, Chas. T. Sawyer, sworn until about fifteen minutes to 12, the hour set for closing the court.

A further delay was caused as the justice of the peace had no Bible to swear Simms' agent, rendering necessary the borrowing of a Bible from a nearby house, when Mr. Simms was warned by the returning officer that he had four minutes remaining.

When Mr. Simms returned to the court house to file his nomination paper it was exactly 12 o'clock. After another short delay he handed his nomination paper to the returning officer, who showed by his watch that the time had expired three minutes before. Mr. Simms simply ordered the necessary deposit counted, which the returning officer did, but refused to accept Simms as a candidate.

Simms contended that the time had not expired, and returned to his own time piece, and started to raise trouble. Returning Officer Hayward said he opened the court by his watch and must close by

the same time, but Simms, because his watch was slower than Sheriff Hayward's, would not be pacified.

At 2 p. m. Sheriff Hayward declared W. P. Jones elected by acclamation, having received, as the law requires, to accept Simms' nomination paper.

The action of Simms is opposing Mr. Jones was not regarded as a wise move by the people in general. This is his first appearance in politics, and he claimed as his motive for running that the office of solicitor-general was unnecessary in the government.

HOLY GHOSTS' DEATH RATE Testimony Given That it is 40 Per Cent. at Shiloh, as Against 15.85 for Rest of Maine.

(N. Y. Herald.) Augusta, Me., Feb. 18--Much interest was manifested this afternoon in a hearing before the committee on judiciary on the petition introduced to investigate the condition of affairs at Shiloh, the home of the Holy Ghost and Us Society in the town of Durham, in the county of Androscoggin.

William B. Skelton, mayor of Lewiston and former county attorney of Androscoggin county, recited his experience in prosecuting the Rev. F. W. Sanford, the head of the sect, for manslaughter in hastening the death of a child at Shiloh.

"The death rate at Shiloh," said Mr. Skelton, "is about forty per cent, as against 15.85 for the state at large, and in these days of enlightenment we owe to ourselves to see that, so far as the children are concerned, such things do not continue. What we want is something that will make it impossible for a child to lie down and die from neglect of the secton which is available to all, not because he believes it himself, but because some one else thinks this science is not best."

Oscar H. Hersey, of Portland, spoke in opposition to a bill introduced by Senator Potter, of Cumberland, which provides that any person who fails to give a child under his care the proper medical treatment shall be guilty of manslaughter. Mr. Hersey represented the Christian Scientists.

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