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GIRL CHOSEN AS SLAYER OF THE MINISTER

Suicides in St. Petersburg Cab Rather Than Perform Mission

CASE IS A MYSTERY

Two Other Suicides Have Followed and Police of Russian Capital Have Work Cut Out to Solve the Matter

St. Petersburg, June 1.—A plot to assassinate M. Kasso, minister of education, has been discovered, and the police are working day and night to elucidate one of the most mysterious affairs that have excited public attention in Russia for many years.

The utmost secrecy is being maintained, but details of the story are leaking out. It is now known that on a recent afternoon a policeman stationed in Nikolaevsky street saw a young woman, who was passing him in a cab, take a little bottle from her pocket and drink the contents. Her evident agitation disturbed the watchman, who followed her and stopped her. She was taken to the Marie Hospital, where an antidote was given her. It saved her life, and she was placed in one of the wards for further treatment.

When asked her name she refused to give it, and asked to be registered as an unknown girl. This was mentioned to the police official, who had come to get particulars about the case, and she telephoned to his chief to ask for instructions. He was told to wait, and in a quarter of an hour Captain Mikhailoff, a superintendent of police, arrived for instructions to conduct the inquiry himself.

The patient had been allowed to get up, and was standing in the ward. In a quarter of an hour the superintendent arrived. He saw her, she shrieked and fell to the ground in a faint. The officer's suspicions were aroused, and he examined the girl's pocket, in which was found a letter directed to another police official. In the letter was stated that she had drawn the lot to murder the minister of education, and that she had therefore determined to commit suicide. The letter, evidently written under the influence of great emotion, ended with a number of quotations from a poem about "red and white roses."

The head of the secret police was summoned, and the girl, who still refused to give her name, was removed under an escort of gendarmes to the hospital of the Crown Prison. Whether she is actually a provocateur or actually a terrorist remains uncertain, but it is possible that the letter found in her possession was written as a blind.

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WEDS SOLDIER HERO BLINDED IN BATTLE

Wealthy Young Woman's Pity is Excited and She Takes Leap Year Advantage

Geneva, June 1.—A romantic and pathetic marriage as reported at Bale, the bride leading to the altar her blind fiancé. This was a Swiss soldier named Habertur, who served in the French foreign legion in Morocco for eight years. He greatly distinguished himself in the battle of the Muluya river last year, fighting for several hours with a broken arm until blinded by a bullet. Habertur was awarded the Legion of Honor for his bravery and a pension of \$200 a year, and was personally thanked by the French president.

Escorted by French soldiers as a guard of honor, Habertur arrived at Bale Sunday for life, and with a useless arm. Fraunce Felix, a wealthy young woman of twenty-four, on reading the real story of the Swiss soldier, visited him. His deplorable condition excited her pity, and she proposed marriage to Habertur, who accepted the offer. The wedding was intended to be a quiet affair, but the church was crowded, while outside many hundreds had gathered to cheer the couple.

CASTRO REPORTED III

Berlin, June 1.—A despatch from Tenerife, Canary Islands, says Cipriano Castro, his former president of Venezuela, has been there since April 13. Just now he is seriously ill, and he will probably come to Berlin soon to undergo another operation similar to the one of a year ago. His condition is such that he has given up all hope of returning to Venezuela and making an attempt to secure his old power.

Six Round Bout

Philadelphia, Pa., June 1.—Champion Ad Wolgast and Young Jack O'Brien fought a fast six round bout last night, and at the end the advantage, if any, was with the champion. O'Brien was the cleverer, but his blows lacked force, while those of Wolgast made the Philadelphia boy wince when they landed on the body.

In the second round Wolgast dropped O'Brien for the count of nine, but the blow did not stop the youngster's speed, which at times dazzled Wolgast.

FORESTALERS ARE FINED \$20 EACH

Guilty Under Evidence and Law is Police Court Judgment in Market Cases

His Honor Gives Comprehensive and Interesting Resume of the Matter in Pronouncing Decision—Middleman is the One Who Profits Now at Expense of Farmer and Housewife

In the police court this morning Magistrate Ritchie gave his decision in the forestalling cases which were before the court yesterday morning. His Honor dealt with the matter at length, and fined the defendants—R. H. Cother, T. F. Foley, J. D. Williams and T. Dean, each \$20 or forty days in jail. The judgment given by the court is as follows:

There were good and sufficient reasons for the passing of the section in the market law originally and, whilst many changes have since taken place, and many improvements in the way of doing business have been made in the last quarter of a century in this city, yet the same good and sufficient reasons now exist for the enforcing of the law as did exist years ago for its first enactment.

Old Market Days

Forty, fifty, sixty or seventy years ago, when the farmer brought his country produce to town he had to bring it to a market which was an open shed. The horses were taken to a stable and the vehicle or wagon—was backed in under cover and would be purchased under an elevated platform in the inner side of the shed to view the farmers' produce.

In those days the farmer, no matter how inclement the weather might be, had to wait under such conditions until his produce was disposed of, and no person who intended to sell again could buy any of his produce unless the same had been exposed for sale three hours.

It must not be forgotten that about forty years ago the city, at great expense, erected the present market building by which it provided the citizens, the taxpayers, the classes and—probably more particularly—the masses with a convenient, comfortable public market. We cannot doubt that such a market was intended, not only for the convenience, but for the advantage of the citizens generally.

It seems clear to me and it must seem clear to any thoughtful, disinterested person that it is idle to talk about the law being obsolete, or that there is now no necessity for the law, if such is the case, why not repeal the law, and sell the market, unless, indeed, the city desires to make the market expenditure for the benefit of the middleman, and to the detriment of the farmer and housewife.

Women Organize to Fight Mormonism

Doctrines Spread Among Young Girls in Clubs and Associations in States

New York, June 1.—The Tribune says: Believing that "Mormonism is the most insidious and baneful social evil in this country," women are rising up all over the country in a concerted effort to wipe out the system. A national association has been organized in this city with headquarters at 100 Broad street, and with Miss C. E. Mason, of Castle school, Tarrytown, as president.

Affiliated associations have been formed in twenty other states, where prominent women are entering the fight. It is said that in many towns Mormon agents masquerading under the name of "Latter Day Saints" are spreading their doctrine in the ears of young girls. Their method is to make the acquaintance of these girls through the clubs and social associations.

GOVERNOR FOSS FOR CONTROL OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS

Boston, June 1.—In a formal statement last night Governor Foss laid down an ultimatum to the legislature declaring that he will not sign any railroad legislation passed by the general court unless that body sends to him a law providing for the establishment of a public utilities commission, or some other measure giving to public authority a greater degree of control over public service corporations.

ROYAL GOVERNOR HAS RETURNED TO MONTREAL

Montreal, June 1.—After a varied rail and water journey from Toronto, including a voyage among the Thousand Islands, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, the Duchess of Connaught, and Princess Patricia, arrived in Montreal last evening aboard their special train. They proceeded to the residence of Lord Strathcona, where they will reside during their stay in the city. This afternoon the duke will present new colors to the 5th Royal Highlanders.

AUSTRALIA SHOWS WAY TO CANADA

Prime Minister Makes Statement of Naval Policy

NO UNCERTAIN SOUND

Idea is to Relieve British Ships and Crews For Service in Home Waters—Will Make All Sacrifices—New Zealand High Commissioner

Sydney, Australia, June 1.—The prime minister in regard to the naval policy of Australia says the Commonwealth policy is to build a fleet of ships for service in home waters. Australians have cheerfully undertaken to defend their country by sea and land, and are prepared to make all personal and other sacrifices necessary.

The suggestion that the Commonwealth should copy New Zealand and "split the fleet unit," is unpractical and unstatesmanlike, he declares.

London, June 1.—Sir W. Hall, high commissioner for New Zealand, resigned yesterday. It will be remembered that it was in deference to Sir Joseph Ward's request, that he consented to an extension of his high commissionership, and the appointment of a successor was promised for the end of May, but as no such arrangement has as yet been made, Sir W. Hall has resigned.

NEWSPAPER MEN TO MEET IN OTTAWA

Toronto, June 1.—The hundred and fifty newspaper editors and publishers will meet in Ottawa on Thursday and Friday next at the 54th annual convention of the Canadian Press Association. The city of Ottawa will tender a banquet on Thursday.

Among the speakers will be Premier Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. T. White, and Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Hon. George P. Graham, M. P. will be toast master.

CHILD WAS SAVED FROM BEING CALLED TITANIC

Vienna, June 1.—A baker, on registering the birth of his daughter, at Atad, in Hungary, informed the registrar that he intended to name her Titanic, as she was born on the day of the sinking of the liner. The official, however, refused to accept this name, as it is not to be found in the calendar of saints' days, and the baker had to content himself with the less topical name of Rosalia.

ITALY'S SENSATIONAL TRIAL

Rome, June 1.—The murdered countess Trigonada's maid, Gioconda, gave remarkable evidence in the trial of Baron Paterno, alleging that Paterno did not love the countess. The witness said the countess used to give large sums to Paterno, and she had received a letter from him in which he had promised to marry her.

C.P.R. CONTRACT FOR 500 TONS OF BIG POTATOES

Montreal, June 1.—The C. P. R. has let a contract for 500 tons of potatoes for their dining cars, stipulating that no potato shall be less than one pound or more than one and a half pounds. For this crop, which will be grown in the Ottawa valley, special seed has been procured and set.

COST TORONTO MORE FOR OIL IN STREETS

Toronto, June 1.—The price of the crude oil used in the streets of Toronto has risen since the Standard Oil Company from four to six cents a gallon, which will increase Toronto's outlay for this item \$12,000.

Debt increase over \$1,000,000. Deficit last year, \$56,000. That's part of the Flemming government record.

LONDON STRIKE SO FAR IS AGAINST THE MEN

Doubt if Threatened National Transport Upheaval Would Work Out

Public Opinion is Against the Dockers—Food Prices Drop Again—The Malta Conference and its Relation to European Situation—England a Mass of Bloom

(Times Special Saturday Cable).

London, June 1.—The transport strike has so far gone against the men. They look as if badly defeated, but those who remember how in great dock strike dockers pulled victory out of defeat do not foretell disaster too confidently. At the beginning the men forfeited public sympathy by their sudden declaration of war and their failure to employ the machinery of arbitration lying to hand. Even Sir Edward Clarke's award, which provided that the employers had broken faith, and had not paid the wages agreed on, and attempted to smash the unions, failed to turn public sympathy.

I have never known a big strike in England where public opinion is so coldly contemptuous to the workers. The men's leaders added to public resentment by their unjudicious speech, and now the dockside employers, believing the psychological moment has come, have declared war to the knife and openly avowed their intention to refuse compromise with the unions.

The Covent Garden porters' strike has failed, and the carters' strike is weaker. The railway men have not combated as was feared. The dockers lack funds and can obtain no public support even from their unions, while the employers' organizations are securing the provinces and parts of the continent to recruit black leg labor and their blacklegs are being protected by the entire police force.

The authorities are pouring overwhelming numbers of police into the dockside districts to protect the passage of food from the docks.

FAIL TO THE UP LONDON BUSINESS

Moreover the transport workers have not succeeded in carrying out the threat to stop London business, though the shipping trade still suffers heavily and certain specialized trades are being ruined, but London as a whole suffers very little.

Food prices, after a temporary rise, are down. The patrol trade has been hurt most, owing to strike prices having advanced in many parts, to the famine point. Even ten shillings a gallon is asked for motor spirit.

The general public awaits anxiously a definite statement of government intentions regarding a preventive strike policy. London's future prosperity is being seriously menaced. Apparently the government will be forced, strongly against its own wishes, to enforce some scheme designed as compulsory arbitration for London port employees.

The parliamentary labor party has repeatedly declared against this, but the government is being rapidly driven to recognize the utility of creating elaborate machinery to deliver definite awards in labor disputes and then have no way of forcing the awards. Compulsion would soon be extended to the mining and railway industries.

Tillet and Gosling are confronted by an unpleasant prospect. If no more is done, the strike will fail and their federation be broken. If they carry out the threat of a national transport strike, it is very doubtful if the provincial workers will obey.

Praise must be given to the orderliness of the strikers. There have been practically no attempts at violence and this is more remarkable, when it is remembered that 50,000 East London laborers stand to face this week-end with starvation.

COMMENT ON THE MALTA CONFERENCE

Agitation is now proceeding both in London and Paris, that the Anglo-French entente may become formal. The alliance has led to many absurd rumors notably many coupling the Malta conference with

COCAINE SMUGGLER IS UNDER ARREST

Falls Into Trap Laid By Toronto Detective—Police Say He Was Peddling The Drug

Toronto, June 1.—Acting on information they had received the morality department arrested Dav Lavery in a house in the rear of a factory in William street, on a charge of selling cocaine. The arrest was made by Detective Cronin, who acted with Staff-Sergeant McKinney.

A trap had been laid for the accused, and a man was caught coming from the place. He was searched, after being taken to headquarters, and an unwrapped parcel of cocaine was found in his pocket.

The detectives entered Lavery's place as soon as they arrested the man who had purchased the drug, and they found that he had a considerable quantity of cocaine and morphine in his possession, as well as hypodermic needles and other accessories. The police say that the man had been purchasing the drugs in Buffalo, and after smuggling them to Toronto, disposed of them in pool rooms.

MEANS THAT JAPAN BREAKS FROM RUSSIA

Peking, June 1.—Japan's acceptance of participation in China's financing, upon the terms offered by the other power groups and regardless of what action Russia may take, has been commended to the interested powers. This decision on the part of Japan to co-operate with Great Britain, France, the United States and Germany, is regarded here as an epochal development in far eastern politics and one fraught with momentous significance.

When the invitation was first extended by the four powers, Japan replied that her acceptance would have to be conditional upon Russia's acceptance. Her present action means therefore, open defection from Russia.

OTTAWA CARPENTERS STRIKE

Ottawa, June 1.—Strikes are under way today in the ranks of the local carpenters and building laborers. The carpenters want thirty-five cents an hour and the laborers ten cents. As some employers have agreed it will not be an entire lockout.

DIRTY MILK GOES TO GUTTER

Toronto, June 1.—Toronto's medical health officer is carrying on a campaign against dirty milk, and yesterday dumped into the sewer 100 gallons which was not up to the standard.

Brother of Former Governor

Toronto, June 1.—John Atkins, aged 88, a pioneer citizen of York township, died yesterday. He was a brother of Hon. J. C. Atkins, who was lieutenant governor of Manitoba in the early eighties, and was afterwards a dominion senator.

Conservative Nomination

Barrie, Ont., June 1.—South Simcoe Conservatives have nominated W. A. Boyce, K. C., of Barrie, for the commons vacancy created by the elevation of Justice Haugton Lennox to the high court bench.

WEDDING A SURPRISE

Friends of James H. Adams were given a surprise recently when it became known that he had been quietly married on April 6 at the home of his parents in Haymarket Square, to Miss Katherine M. Robinson, of Windsor, N. S. Rev. J. D. Wetmore officiated. The bride returned to her home city to finish her business engagement in that place, and she was joined there this week by Mr. Adams together they will spend a few days, and then they will reside at Haymarket Square.

THE STANDARD BADLY SCARED

The St. John Standard endeavors to make it appear that machine methods dominated the convention last evening and that an effort was made to rule out all but four candidates.

These are the facts—Mr. Scully positively refused to have his name go before the convention. Dr. Lunney informed delegates who waited on him early last evening, as he had informed another delegation at an earlier date, that if he received a nomination he would be compelled to decline, as he did not have time to take up the duties. It was therefore a waste of time to ballot on the names of men who had so clearly and strongly stated that they could not accept a nomination.

The Standard this morning gave an utterly burlesque account of last night's convention. If sheer falsehood could win an election the Standard would be a winner. The trouble with that journal is that it knows the Liberals have named winning tickets for the city and county.