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RAN AMUCK ON A SWEDISH SHIP.

A Man With Two Revolvers and Two Knives Tried to Kill Everyone on Board the Prins Karl --- Almost Succeeded.

Copenhagen, May 17.—A telegram from Koping, Sweden, reports that as the steamer Prins Karl a man sprang on the deck of the latter vessel and shouted: "If anyone comes near me I will shoot." At the same moment a woman was seen hanging over the ship's side, shrieking for help. The man escaped in a boat. When the Prins Karl was boarded it was found that the 12 men aboard had been shot, six of whom, including the captain, were dead. The rest were found locked in their quarters. One of the wounded has since died. The murderer is being pursued.

Stockholm, May 17.—The police have tracked to Ekolnsta (67 miles west of this city) and arrested there the supposed author of the Prins Karl tragedy. He tried to fire a revolver at the officers and when arrested gave the name of Philip Nordlund. On being questioned about the murders the prisoner replied that it was a matter for the police themselves to unravel. On being further questioned, Nordlund confessed his crimes and said he had stolen 800 kronen from the captain. The wounded were taken to the hospital. "Look out. There's a assassin on board." At the same moment shots were heard. All sprang to their feet in order to leave the cabin; but they found the door fastened on the outside. While they were trying to force the door a shot was fired through the window and hit one of them, a man named Karlsson, who fell to the floor. The other three, Schneider, Konrator and Lindquist, burst the door through, and the first to step through, received a bullet in his head. Disregarding the wound he ran after the assassin to the steering room. The fugitive shouted down the speaking tube: "Full speed ahead." The engines were already at full speed; and the engineer replied: "Is that the captain?" Receiving the answer "Certainly; drive her to the devil," the engineer put the engines at full speed astern. The assassin then ran down to the engine room and threatened to shoot the engineer if he did not obey. The engineer barricaded himself in the room. At that moment the steamer Koping came along and the murderer fled to a boat.

MONTH-PIECE OF RAILWAYS.

Hon. Mr. Blair's Description of Sir Charles Tupper.

SITUATION TO BE FACED.

Canada Must Control the Railways or the Railways Will Control Canada -- An Attempt to Sidetrack the Railway Bills Frustrated.

Ottawa, May 17.—(Special)—The minister of railways bill amendment of the railway act, the two chief provisions of which are the empowering of the government to make running rules and regulations to govern the operation of all railroads and the empowering of the government to prevent the sidetracking of new sites by railway companies in the location of their stations, came before the commonsense railway committee this morning. It is quite apparent that the measure will meet at once with the hostility of the Conservative party and of the railway corporations.

Mr. Blair only agreed to his going to the railway committee on the assurance of the leader of the opposition that it would not meet with any but fair treatment in the committee.

This morning shortly after the meeting began a suggestion was made by William Gibson, the Liberal whip, for sending the bill to a sub-committee. A few minutes later it was moved by Sir Charles Tupper that the railway interests be heard.

Mr. Blair saw at a glance the evident intention to sidetrack the measure as it had been sidetracked last year.

Therefore he was not prepared to assent to the proposition. It was not a rational suggestion. The situation in this country today was briefly that the government must control the railways or the railway companies will control the government. The position might just as well be faced. He was by no means prejudiced against the railway companies for his experience in the department had taught him that many of the criticisms passed upon them were unreasonable, but at the same time he had fully made up his mind that it was absolutely necessary to bring the railways under the dominion of the government by a supreme authority. To the leader of the opposition, who was the minister of railways, he said that the United States government makes such a definite and advantageous offer that the British authorities would be unable to decline it, the present government is resolved not to sever Denmark's colonial possessions.

DEPARTMENT STORE TRAGEDY

Killed a Shop Girl Because She Would Not Marry Him.

DOG IN THE MANGER.

Then Pursued Her With a Smoking Revolver as She Ran Shrieking Through the Store -- The Girl Died and the Man Was Arrested.

New York, May 17.—Mary Brannigan, 24 years old, clerk in a department store at 86th street and Third avenue, was shot and killed early today in the store by Edward Hall, 25 years old. It was said by the police who took him into custody that he killed the girl because she refused to marry him. He was rejected last night and when he called at the store today the young woman again refused him. Hall deliberately drew a revolver and pointing it at her breast fired.

Miss Brannigan ran shrieking to the rear of the store and Hall followed her with the smoking revolver in his hand. The pistol shot and the shrieks of Miss Brannigan created the greatest excitement and several women fainted. Idder Weisbader, a member of the firm, made a motion to stop Hall who threatened to shoot and passed on. Overtaking the fleeing woman Hall fired a second shot which struck her in the back of the head and she fell. Physicians were summoned and an ambulance called.

After firing the second shot Hall quietly placed the revolver in his pocket and calmly walked to the front of the store, where he was taken into custody. He made no resistance.

When the ambulance reached the store Miss Brannigan was dead.

TO TELL THE WHOLE STORY.

The Bargaining for the Danish West Indies to be Issued in Blue Book Form.

London, May 18.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Danish government intends in the near future to issue an official account of the negotiations with the United States over the Danish West Indies. 'I can confidently assert that the premier will not enter into further negotiations with the United States or with any other state for the sale of the islands, and unless the United States government makes such a definite and advantageous offer that the Danish authorities would be unable to decline it, the present government is resolved not to sever Denmark's colonial possessions.'"

The Typographical President.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 17.—From returns already received from numerous local unions the Lynch campaign committee in this city claim the election of James M. Lynch of Syracuse as president of the International Typographical Union by a plurality of about 2,300.

CONCERNING THE RELIEF OF MAFEKING.

LONDON, May 17.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon the parliamentary secretary of the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, said he regretted that he was not able to give any information in regard to Mafeking. He reminded the house that even if the desired relief of Mafeking had occurred intelligence of the event could not arrive in England before two, and possibly five days. The latter part of Mr. Wyndham's reply is generally accepted as an intimation that the government expected the relief of Col. Baden-Powell and his garrison would occur at about the present time.

CROWDS ABOUT THE WAR OFFICE AFTER MIDNIGHT.

London Eager to Hear the Relief of Mafeking Announced—Canadian Artillery Being Sent to the Front of the Mafeking Column.

London, May 18—3.30 a. m.—England still waits with intense and almost breathless interest for news of the relief of Mafeking. A crowd lingered around the war office, even after midnight, hoping for some announcement. Only reluctantly did the people disperse when the lobbies of the war office were finally cleared with the word that nothing had been received. One thing seems clear. The town still holds out. Were it otherwise, the Boer wires laid to the camp of the beleaguers would have flashed the news.

Not Yet Taken. Skeleton messages from Lorenzo Marquez, based upon information that leaked out at the Pretoria war office, show that the Boer stormers Saturday fell into a trap. Col. Baden-Powell permitted them to seize one fort; and he then surrounded the Boer position before the large forces near at hand perceived the stratagem. It was thus that Sarel Eloff, President Kruger's grandson and part of his commando taken at Mafeking, was killed.

Canadian Artillery to the Fore. The Canadian artillery contingent of the Rhodesian force is now reported to have reached Bulawayo May 2. The distance from Bulawayo to Mafeking is 400 miles. The railway is open all the way to Pitsani, 28 miles from Mafeking, where Col. Plummer is, the Canadians may yet take part in the relief.

In Front of Roberts. General French, scouting northward, found the Boers in strong force at Rhenoster Spruit, 20 miles from Kroonstad. Generals Botha, Delors and Olivier, with artillery, were holding the positions. President Steyn, according to one despatch, has gone to Pretoria. Another says he is a fugitive at Lindley.

The Free States are surrounded on all sides. A despatch from Cape Town says that proclamations are being printed there, to be published on the Queen's birthday, May 24, annexing the Free State. One of President Steyn's brothers, who is a prisoner of the Queen's army, says that the Free States will accept annexation. Those who took up arms the second time, he explains, had to do so under threats of instant death if they refused. Five hundred rifles have been surrendered at Kroonstad in excess of the number of Boers who have taken the oath of allegiance. Lord Roberts has directed the British commanders to receive all comers in a good spirit and to issue to them passes to go to their farms.

Another Capital Moving. This view is partly supported by a despatch to the Times from Lorenzo Marquez, which says: "There is general talk in Pretoria of President Kruger contemplating an immediate departure from the capital. There seems no longer any doubt of the intention to transfer the seat of government to the Lydenburg district and endeavor to make a final stand there. The raid is reported to have endorsed the proposal."

The Times also says that a number of the Transvaal officials are preparing for flight and that State Secretary Heitz has selected South America as his future home. Kitchener in Command. It is unofficially asserted that Lord Kitchener is in command of the Mafeking relief

column and that news of the relief of the town cannot be received until Monday. Private Wallace Convalescing. Ottawa, May 17.—Sir Alfred Munier cables Lord Minto tonight stating that Private Wallace, son of Clark Wallace, M. P., who was suffering from enteric fever, is out of danger and convalescing at the front.

Boers Leaving the ANGLE OF NATAL. Believed They Have Abandoned Newcastle. Volksrust, South Africa Republic, May 16.—The federals have abandoned the Biggarsberg and it is believed they also abandoned Newcastle this morning, though their wounded men are still on the other side of the border, keeping the British at bay.

THE OFFICIAL DESPATCHES RECEIVED YESTERDAY. Roberts and Buller Both Report Advances and Successes. London, May 17—2.18 p. m.—The war office has received from Lord Roberts the following despatch, dated Kroonstad, Wednesday, May 16: "Rundel yesterday occupied Mequatling's Nek and Modder Poort without opposition. Hunter has entered the Transvaal and has advanced within 10 miles of Christiansburg. Methuen has reached a point 12 miles on the Hoopstad road without seeing the enemy. Natives and local whites have confirmed the previous reports of the disorganization of the Free States."

"The situation here is unchanged." 3.33 p. m.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts: "Kroonstad, May 17.—Hunter has occupied Christiansburg without opposition, the enemy having retired to Klerksdorp under the impression that the latter was threatened by a portion of this force from Parys."

"Rundel's force was close to Cleoclan yesterday evening. The country was clear of the enemy." "The resident commissioner in Bautevland reports that a number of Boers living in the Ficksburg and Bethlehem districts have applied to him for advice and as to the conditions of surrender. This is very satisfactory."

2.15 p. m.—The war office has received the following despatch from Gen. Buller, dated Damausburg, May 17: "The second division has reached Damausburg and I hope that my advance and patrols are at Newcastle. The fifth division is scheduled from Elandlaagte to Glencoe, repairing the railroad. The fourth division is at Sundays River drift, on the old Newcastle road. Several Natal farmers are handing over their arms. All reports agree that about 7,000 of the enemy passed north very hurriedly May 14 and 15."

Na Gael organization in the executive or inner council of the Fenians. The inspector says it met at Tom Moore's hall, in New York city. Walsh and Nolin, he says, both were members of the Napper Tandy. Nolin's instructions, sent him in Richmond, were for him to go to Washington, get John Walsh and go to Philadelphia where the two were to meet a third man who would give them further instructions as to what to do. Walsh and Nolin went to Philadelphia, where they met the stranger who headed Nolin \$100 and gave him two railway tickets to Buffalo. The stranger directed Nolin and Walsh to leave the same night and on arrival at Buffalo to go to the Stafford House, where they were to register as John Smith, of New York, and Thomas Moore, of Washington, and be met by a man who would prove his identity. The men got to Buffalo on Sunday, April 15, and shortly after reaching their room were joined by the third man, who introduced himself as Dallman, and afterwards registered as Karl Dallman. The following morning Dallman gave to Nolin and Walsh two canvas grips or telescopes. In each of these was about 80 pounds of dynamite mixed to about the consistency of dough. Fuses were with each, but not connected at the time. Nolin and Walsh took a trolley to Niagara Falls. Later they took a Grand Trunk train across Suspension Bridge, leaving it at Meriton, Canada, and went thence to Thorod. Inspector Murray says Dallman showed Nolin and Walsh the spot to place the dynamite.

The story tells of changes of abode made by the trio up to the 20th and continues: "Walsh took the dynamite into Canada. At 3.15 o'clock on Friday afternoon, April 20, he carried one of the bags of dynamite over and at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon he carried the other bag over. On Saturday night after the explosion Nolin and Walsh were to take the train for Buffalo and were given money by Dallman."

DESPICABLE TACTICS IN THE ELECTION CASE

Conservative Leaders Trying to Prove Corruption Depositions of a Fugitive from Justice---Davin Tainted.

Ottawa, May 17.—Mr. McClure, the member for Colchester, today resumed the debate on the motion to refer the Brockville and West Huron election cases to the committee on privileges and elections. He said that he had been a close listener to all that had been said at the meetings of the committee last year when the same election cases were before it. The question submitted to the committee was as to the conduct of the returning and deputy returning officers. No one who heard the evidence could say that there was anything irregular in their actions. As a matter of fact, the prima facie case which was made out in the House of Commons utterly failed before the committee. The committee therefore had done its work and there was no use in referring the case back again. He recognized the importance of the committee of privileges and elections and the ability of the men who composed it, but it was not a properly constituted body to try such cases as those referred to. They ought to be dealt with before the courts of the land where they could be tried without any political bias. The character of the latest evidence given by Mr. Pritchett was of a nature to show the necessity of trying the case in a court that could properly deal with them. He knew nothing of Pritchett, but life in this country was not worth living if the unsupported testimony of a self-composed liar like Pritchett was allowed to blacken the character of honest and straightforward officials of the country. Mr. Pritchett's testimony of a self-composed liar like Pritchett was allowed to blacken the character of honest and straightforward officials of the country. Mr. Pritchett never spoke to him at Craig's hotel or elsewhere; no one suggested tampering with ballots. Pritchett's statements untrue as to me.

W. L. HORTON. Mr. Horton is treasurer of the town of Goderich. May 16, 1900.—Never hear or speak to the man by the name of Pritchett in connection with the West Huron election; never took any deputy returning officer to Craig's hotel or elsewhere; never saw Pritchett or Cummings in said hotel; never heard any one say anything about Pritchett's affidavit made in the United States if they got Pritchett to swear in Canada to anything definite in connection with either of these elections he would never see him himself because he never had them and Pritchett took very good care that they would only deal generally and such a way as to evade the law. Mr. Fraser said he had shown that the man was a very much stronger case again Mr. Davin than any one that he had heard of in the debate, still he would not say that he should be tried for corruption. Mr. Gass, for instance, had to admit that he had written a postal card to Mr. Davin about his election and the evidence of that case showed the man was a better man than Pritchett.

Mr. Cowan (Essex) replied. He said that there was a bad state in politics in Canada it was due to the Conservative party. The Conservatives got a warrant issued for Pritchett in West Elgin knowing that no other one could be issued for that offence. That warrant was in the hands of a constable and was sent to the hands of thieves and robbers. B. E. Richardson (Lindsay) spoke in favor of a thorough investigation. He took an interest in the case because of the occupations in Manitoba, particularly the case in Chamberlain, where he was sentenced to three years imprisonment in the penitentiary. In his opinion there was gross corruption in West Huron. If the government would appoint three men to investigate the matter he would vote against Mr. Borden's motion, but if not he would vote for it.

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THE DYNAMITERS IDENTIFIED.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 17.—The Express tomorrow will say: "Inspector John W. Murray, the famous detective of the dominion, has run down the case of John Nolin and John Walsh, two of the three alleged Thorold dynamiters and has woven a web of evidence so that it seems to bind Karl Dallman, the third prisoner, tightly to the other two. According to Inspector Murray, the blowing up of lock 24 on the Welland canal was a Fenian plot, carried out through members of a lodge of the Clan Na Gael. Dallman is regarded as the chief of the three prisoners. The government declares he gave the dynamite, the fuses and the telescopes to the other two."

The most interesting features of the long stories told by the inspector while in Buffalo on his return trip to Toronto are as follows: "About April 10 Nolin received a communication from a lodge known in secret circles as the Napper-Tandy Club, a Clan

Na Gael organization in the executive or inner council of the Fenians. The inspector says it met at Tom Moore's hall, in New York city. Walsh and Nolin, he says, both were members of the Napper Tandy. Nolin's instructions, sent him in Richmond, were for him to go to Washington, get John Walsh and go to Philadelphia where the two were to meet a third man who would give them further instructions as to what to do. Walsh and Nolin went to Philadelphia, where they met the stranger who headed Nolin \$100 and gave him two railway tickets to Buffalo. The stranger directed Nolin and Walsh to leave the same night and on arrival at Buffalo to go to the Stafford House, where they were to register as John Smith, of New York, and Thomas Moore, of Washington, and be met by a man who would prove his identity. The men got to Buffalo on Sunday, April 15, and shortly after reaching their room were joined by the third man, who introduced himself as Dallman, and afterwards registered as Karl Dallman. The following morning Dallman gave to Nolin and Walsh two canvas grips or telescopes. In each of these was about 80 pounds of dynamite mixed to about the consistency of dough. Fuses were with each, but not connected at the time. Nolin and Walsh took a trolley to Niagara Falls. Later they took a Grand Trunk train across Suspension Bridge, leaving it at Meriton, Canada, and went thence to Thorod. Inspector Murray says Dallman showed Nolin and Walsh the spot to place the dynamite."

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