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MURDERED IN PRIVATE STUDY

PROCURATOR-GENERAL OF FINLAND SHOT

Dead Man's Son and Assassin Were Both Wounded in Duel Which Followed Shooting.

Helsingfors, Finland, Feb. 6.—Solsion Soisalon, procurator-general of Finland, was assassinated in his residence at 11 o'clock this morning.

The assassin was a young man, who was dressed in an officer's uniform, and was armed with a revolver. He fired three shots at Soisalon, who was sitting at his desk. The assassin fled, but was followed by a crowd of people. He was shot again by a police officer. The assassin was killed, and Soisalon was wounded. The assassin's name was not known.

Doctors were called immediately, but found the procurator beyond need of their services. The assassin was removed to the surgical hospital, where he lies guarded by police, answering no questions and evidently unconscious.

Hohenthal, the assassin, is strong. He is 24 years old, and a native of Finland. He has been in Finland for some time, and has been identified with a dark complexion and apparently between 25 and 30 years of age.

Soisalon, who before he was embroiled, was known by the name of Johnson, was born in 1851 and practiced at the Finnish bar. He was highly esteemed, and had held various government appointments, including that of provincial judge. He was appointed procurator of the Senate in 1901, and in the same year made procurator-general of the Duchy of Finland. Johnson was regarded as a wise and patriotic official. It is understood that it was at his initiative that the Finns exiled by Governor-General Bobrikoff were allowed to return to Finland.

Political Crime. St. Petersburg, Feb. 7.—1.50 a.m.—The news of the assassination of Solsion Soisalon, procurator-general of Finland, although occurring before noon Monday, was not known generally in St. Petersburg last night, but may be expected to produce an immense sensation when it becomes public, as it will be regarded as the precursor of an era of terrorism, for which the present circumstances in Finland render it all too certain that the crime is of a purely political character, and of the same nature as the assassination of Count Bobrikoff, the governor-general of Finland, in June, 1904.

At the conference of the revolutionary parties of Russia, comprising representatives of the Finnish active resistance party, the Polish national league, the revolutionary organization, in Berlin last November, a programme for general concerted action was drawn up and the assassin of Soisalon undoubtedly was in touch with the dissatisfied element throughout Russia. As a matter of fact before in the history of the empire have events of an anti-governmental nature been closer in connection, as has been shown by the universal spread of the strike movement in Finland, to which the perpetrator of this latest crime probably belongs.

Little is known regarding the murdered official, but as the procurator-general he was the adviser of the Finnish Senate, which incurred the enmity of the anti-Russian parties on account of its alleged subservience to the process of Russification, and Soisalon undoubtedly was selected as the representative and responsible victim.

ASSASSIN IDENTIFIED. Helsingfors, Finland, Feb. 7.—The assassin of Solsion Soisalon, procurator-

general of Finland, who was shot and killed yesterday at his residence by a young man dressed in an officer's uniform, has been identified as Karl Lenard Hohenthal, formerly a student at the Imperial Alexander University here.

Hohenthal, who latterly had lived in Stockholm, returned to Finland on January 13th. He maintains obstinate silence under examination.

Senator Akerman, who assumed the duties of procurator of the senate, is directing the investigation of the crime. The wounds inflicted on the assassin by the son of Soisalon are not of a dangerous character.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 7.—The assassination of Procurator-General of Finland Solsion Soisalon is believed to be undoubtedly due to political causes. The Associated Press was informed at the ministry of the interior that Soisalon was long ago marked for vengeance by the young Fenoman and Stata Noman parties, who regarded him as a traitor to his country.

As procurator-general he had the confidence of the emperor, and in some respect even superior to that of the governor-general, and he also was the leader of the old Fenoman party, the influence of which is no longer dominant in the Diet, though it is still preponderant in the Senate. It was a matter of surprise familiar with the Finnish situation that Eugene Schumann directed his revolver at Governor-General Bobrikoff.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 7.—The Associated Press is authorized to announce that not the slightest information has been received at the war office regarding the alleged illness or resignation of Gen. Kouropatkin. On the contrary, the war office information suggests no change whatever in the headquarters staff in Manchuria, and states that the departure of Gen. Gripenberg for St. Petersburg is due to illness.

The version of the departure of Gen. Gripenberg now given in the best informed medical circles is that the general left the front because of some operations by our volunteers, which harass the enemy. There is artillery fighting on both sides, and a hasty strengthening of positions by both the Russians and the Japanese.

Gen. Kouropatkin on Friday reported the repulse of the Japanese advance guard on the left flank toward Sosny and Chansan with slight losses, the Japanese leaving fifty dead on the field.

Washington, Feb. 7.—In view of the revival of reports from European capitals to the effect that there has been a renewal of efforts on the part of the powers to find some basis for intervention in the interest of peace in the Far East, military circles have been instructed to ascertain the position of the United States government respecting such a move.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—1.15 a. m.—For the moment the startling crime in Helsingfors has withdrawn attention from the base of the government through Russia. To-day's events in Poland and the Caucasus are quite serious enough in themselves, however.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 7.—Considerable speculation has been caused here by the fact that the Russian government on Monday assumed control of the Siberian telegraph lines from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It is said to be the first occasion where telegraph communication has been stopped since the war began.

Tokio, Feb. 7.—The situation on the Shikha and Hun rivers is unchanged. A small force of Russians attacked Sandziats last Saturday but was repulsed. The Russians shelled various portions of the Japanese centre also on Sunday.

Tokio, Feb. 8.—3 p.m.—Reports from the Manchurian army headquarters say that the Russians shelled various parts of the Japanese lines last Monday and Monday night. Small forces of Russian infantry attacked at various points, but all were repulsed.

Tokio, Feb. 8.—3 p.m.—The British steamer Eastria, bound for Vladivostok with coal, was captured off Hokkaido yesterday. She is being brought to Yokosuka.

JAP ADVANCE LINES DRIVEN BACK

RENNENKAMPPF MAKES SUCCESSFUL MOVE

Gripenberg is Said to Have Sacrificed Thousands of Men Daring Fighting Around Sandepas.

Russian Army Headquarters, Huan Mountain, Feb. 6.—Gen. Rennenkampff's command is operating in the direction of Shogy and Schantan, and has driven in the advance lines of the Japanese, forcing them back to the Taitse river.

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MET DEATH AT HANDS OF STRIKERS

MANY MEN KILLED ON THEIR WAY TO WORK

Fatal Disorders Reported From Several Towns in Poland, Where Situation is Growing Worse.

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RESUMING WORK

Large Number of German Miners Believe Government Bill Will Remove Many Grievances.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—Two to three thousand coal miners who struck in the Silesian district returned to work to-day believing that the government bill, now in preparation, will redress their relations with their employers.

The government's proposed law limits the working day to nine hours in galleries where the temperatures are about 70 degrees Fahrenheit, including the time going in and coming out of the mines. In temperatures of 80 degrees Fahrenheit and higher only a six-hour day is permitted. Within two or three years the nine-hour day is to be shortened to eight and one-half hours.

About nine-tenths of the miners of Germany come within these provisions. The disallowing of the entire cars of coal because of the presence of foreign substances is to be forbidden. Fines may be assessed, but these must not exceed four to six marks (\$1 to \$1.50) per month. Overtime is to be paid for at the highest rate. Workmen's committees shall be recognized and empowered as representing the men. Making the present condition of the miners worse in any particular than it is, is now forbidden.

Herr Sachse, a member of the Reichstag, speaking at an immense meeting of miners at Essen yesterday said that the government's bill only concerned 4 out of 14 striking districts.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—A large delegation of lumbermen waited on the government to-day to get a duty of \$2 a thousand on rough lumber. The delegation was organized by British Columbia lumbermen who have been hard hit by competition from United States mills.

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SEEK DUTY ON ROUGH LUMBER

DELEGATES INTERVIEW MINISTERS AT CAPITAL

Views of the Lumbermen—Matter Will Be Taken Up When Mr. Fielding Returns.

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