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GRAND DUKE SERGIUS IS SLAIN

Another High Russian Official Blown to Atoms By Anarchist Bomb Thrower

SOLITARY ASSASSIN IS ARRESTED

Uncle of the Czar and Governor General of Moscow Instantly Killed While Driving From His Palace in the Ancient Capital by a Bomb Thrown Beneath His Carriage From a Sleigh by a Member of the Socialistic-Revolutionary Party.

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.

ASSASSIN GLORIES IN DEED.

The assassin was thrown to the ground and stunned by the force of the explosion, but he quickly arose and ran toward 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 the crime, but on the contrary gloried in its success. He expressed his 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 army, but refused to give his name, and at the jail his papers were found to be false.

CAUSES OF POPULAR HATRED.

Much of the responsibility for the catastrophe at the coronation of Emperor Nicholas in Moscow, when several thousand people were crushed to death at the time of the distribution of the imperial gifts, was laid at Grand Duke Sergius's door. It was held that he had not taken sufficient precautions and the Liberals after the affair here of January 22 placed the major portion of the blame on his shoulders.

THE CZAR PROSTRATED.

The news of the assassination of the Grand Duke reached Tsarsko Selo while the imperial family was entertaining Prince Frederick Leopold, of Prussia. It created the greatest consternation. The Emperor is reported to have been completely prostrated. All festivities in honor of the Prussian guest were at once abandoned.

HAD REPEATED WARNINGS.

The assassin belongs to the noted "fighting group" of the socialistic-revolutionary party, which has removed other prominent officials and long since passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius. The Grand Duke knew that he stood in the shadow of death. He was the recipient of repeated warnings, and elaborate precautions were taken to ensure his safety.

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

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME.

A few minutes before the bell of the gate sounded the hour of 3, the carriage of the Grand Duke emerged from the gates of the palace and proceeded, followed by sleighs containing secret police. It swept 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. In a minute 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. There 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 a hail of iron pelted 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 cloth

Improved Demand For Print Cloth

Fall River, Mass., Special.—Sales in the print cloth market for the week are estimated at from 175,000 to 200,000 pieces. An improvement in the demand for goods, and especially 36 and 38 1/2 widths, is reported, the bulk of the trading during the week being confined to these styles. Regulars, which sold last week at 2 11-16, are now quoted at 2 5-8.

Whole Family Asphyxiated.

Cleveland, O., Special.—Four persons were found dead in a small house at No. 50 1/2 Central avenue today. The dead are: Charles Heller, Josephine Heller, his wife; George Nolan, a son-in-law; May Nolan, wife of George Nolan, and daughter of the Hellers. When the neighbors entered the Nolan house today the natural gas was still burning in the stove, but the rooms were filled with a strong odor of gas. The only living thing in the house was a small dog, which was found wrapped in a blanket. It was unconscious.

Body Found Near Railway Track.

Goldshoro, Special.—The body of a dead negro was found lying beside the railroad track about a mile this side of Boston by the engineer of the A. & N. C. "Shoo-Fly," going east. He saw the body as the train was approaching and stopped. An examination revealed that the negro had been shot in the head. The coroner, Dr. Thomas Hill, of this city, was notified and went down to Boston this afternoon to investigate the affair.

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE

Work That is Being Done By the North Carolina Lawmakers.

In the Senate.

A number of local bills were introduced Tuesday.

The following bills passed final reading: To authorize the commissioners of Gaston county to issue \$300,000 of bonds to improve public roads; to work the public roads of Rutherford county; to provide for the better working of the roads of Chatham; to amend the road law of Madison county; to amend charter of Asheville; to establish an electric light plant and reservoir and authorize a bond issue; to incorporate the Edgecombe Railway; to authorize Rutherford county to issue \$100,000 to pay for the stock in the Rutherford Construction Company; to incorporate the Watauga Turnpike Company; to amend the bird law of Forsyth county; to prevent throwing sawdust in certain streams in Guilford.

The anti-juv bill, namely House bill, to repeal chapter 349, public laws 1903, except as to Cleveland, Cabarrus, Mitchell and Gaston, came up on second reading, but met considerable opposition as to immediate passage.

Mason, of Gastonia, moved that it be referred to the committee on judiciary. Amendments were offered excepting also Caldwell and Yancey. Rutherford and Madison, Mason's motion was adopted and the bill went to the judiciary committee. This is the bill which the Supreme Court made applicable to the whole State, while it was only intended for the four counties of Cleveland, Cabarrus, Mitchell and Gaston, and the bill now in hand will make the law apply only to those four counties.

In the Senate Wednesday the landlord and tenant bill came up and was postponed.

In the House the bill known as the pilotage bill, abolishing compulsory pilotage on the Cape Fear river came up with a favorable report. A minority report was offered signed by Reeves, Uzzell, Wade and others. The bill was made a special order for Friday at noon.

The bill to increase salaries of judges to \$3,000 with \$250 for expenses passed second reading.

The Senate today passed the scales bill giving \$10,000 for the establishment of a juvenile reformatory. There was a good deal of discussion of the bill.

Bills passed as follows: Regulating the salaries of judges, the Senate, on motion of Zollicoffer, concurring in the House, amended the bill and passed it \$3,250 instead of \$2,500; to incorporate Andrews, Cherokee county; to improve the public roads in Valley township, Cherokee county; to amend the acts of 1903 regarding cotton meal as a fertilizer by making 7 1/2 per cent of ammonia the standard. A fight had been made to make the standard 8 per cent, but the House named 7 1/2 per cent. The Senate committee set the figure back to 8 per cent, but the matter being referred to the committee, the bill was agreed upon, and stands as the figure prescribed. Bills passed to prevent throwing sawdust in certain streams in Warren, Anson, Montgomery and Swain; to relieve C. G. Lee, Aaron W. Moore, Albert Biggs and M. Lee, school teachers, in Caswell county; to incorporate the Western Union Academy; to take J. F. Gardner, out of Westley Chapel school district, Union county; to amend the law of 1887 regarding public schools in town of Durham; to amend the attendance of Cherokee Indians at schools; to extend the time for the North State Trust Company to perfect its organization; to incorporate the Bank of Chapel Hill; to increase number of directors, and to give the Robeson County Loan and Trust Company the same authority; to incorporate the Greensboro Female College.

The following bills were ratified Thursday: To fix the time for holding courts in Warren county; to provide for payment of one-half of salaries of justices and officers in Caswell county, when "not a true bill" is found; to amend the law of evidence relative to written statements; to appoint a cotton weaver for the city of Raleigh.

The following bills passed final reading: Requiring commissioners of Wilkes county to levy special tax to build bridges across the Yadkin river at Roaring River and Holman's Ford, Cowles, of Wilkes, desired to know why Judge Graham had taken it upon himself to introduce an amendment which he did not represent. Holbrook, of Wilkes, stated that he was in favor of the bill, and Cowles was opposed to it, that the people of Graham needed the bridge and that Judge Graham had introduced it by request. Dr. Alban, clerk of the committee, explained that when the bill was before the committee it was stated that a law was passed in 1903, giving the county commissioners authority to levy a special tax for this purpose and they had refused to do so. Cowles, in opposing the bill, stated that the Wilkes people already heavily burdened with bond debt, and the people oppressed with taxes. Holbrook detailed the great need of the citizens for two bridges and asked members to vote for the bill, without amendments. Cowles offered an amendment which was defeated; to leave the question of bridge tax to a vote; to leave the question of building the bridge to the discretion of the commissioners and to strike out \$2,500 and \$100 allowed for Hoffman's Ford and Roaring River, respectively, and authorize the commissioner to build the bridges at these points. To extend the corporate limits of Rhodhiss, in Caldwell county; to amend and revise charter of Franklin, in Macon county; to allow the mayor and board of aldermen of Beaufort to issue bonds to build a hotel and for other purposes; to allow Winston-Salem to issue bonds for streets; to create a stock law territory in a portion of Harnett county; to regulate the manner in which common carriers shall adjust claims for lost or damaged freight, imposing a penalty on rail roads for failing to settle claims within 60 days upon establishment of com-

OVER 100 ENTOMBED

Deadly Work of Coal Gas in Alabama

Mine

ALL THE MEN BELIEVED TO BE DEAD

Cave-in at the Virginia Mines 18 Miles From Birmingham, Buries All the Men at Work, and No Hope is Entertained That Any Are Left Alive.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—By an explosion in the Virginia Mines, about 18 miles southwest of Birmingham, at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon more than 100 union miners are entombed, and it is believed that the entire number suffered death. Scores of vigorous rescuers are at work digging into the mine to relieve their friends and comrades on the inside.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by gas, although the mine has heretofore been noted as being entirely free from gases. It is also believed that as the entire quota has probably been killed, the details of the cause of the disaster will never be known.

THE HORROR GROWS.

The news spread like wild fire throughout the whole district. The camp is isolated from the rest of the world, as there is no telephone station at Virginia, and the only wire running to the place is a dispatcher's wire of the Birmingham Mineral Railroad, on which Virginia is located. Details of the disaster were slow to come in, but each man who arrived in the city from the scene told a more gruesome story of the horror.

BEST CLASS OF MINERS.

The class of miners employed was the best in the district, and all belonged to the United Mine Workers of America. Since the strike has been on in the Birmingham district, many of the most industrious and thirty miners of Pratt City and other mining points have removed to the Virginia mines, so that the mines were being worked to their full capacity by the most skilled miners of the community. Relief trains with surgeons and workmen were dispatched from both Birmingham and Bessemer. They began the work of succor in earnest before 6 o'clock, and at midnight had not gotten half way through the mass of debris. It is thought that it will be 10 o'clock tomorrow before the interior of the slope is reached. The slopes are well arranged, and there has never been the least trouble in the mines before. They are owned by the Talamada Steel and Wire Company, but are leased and operated by Reid & Company.

OFFICIALS ON THE WAY.

J. D. Hillhouse, assistant State mine inspector for Alabama, will go to the mines early tomorrow morning to investigate the disaster officially. President Ed. Flynn, of the Alabama United Mine Workers and National Committee W. R. Fairley, together with Joseph Hallier, district organizer, have left for the scene. President Flynn said before leaving that there were 135 men employed in the mine generally, but as yesterday was pay day he could not say whether the full quota was in the mine at the time of the disaster or not.

President Sees Cotton Growers.

Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt received a committee appointed by the recent Southern Interstate Cotton Convention at New Orleans to urge the creation of a commission to extend the foreign markets for cotton products. The delegation consisted of about a dozen members, headed by former Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina. The committee urged immediate steps looking to Congressional action for this purpose in behalf of the cotton interests. The President discussed the question with the delegation and said he would take it up with the men who represent the cotton belt in Congress.

McCue's Will Probated.

Charlottesville, Va., Special.—The will of J. Samuel McCue, hanged for wife murder in Charlottesville on February 10, was admitted to probate in the Charlottesville Corporation Court Monday. Four brothers of McCue qualified as executors, giving bond for \$100,000. The will is in McCue's handwriting. The entire estate is left to the ex-Mayor's children, three boys and one girl. Two hundred dollars is left to erect a monument over McCue's parents' graves. The will was made on September 10, 1894, six days after the murder, and three days after the arrest.

Disastrous Flood in Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—A special from Swain county says that the most disastrous floods that section of Georgia has experienced in years are now in full sway. Every bridge on the Ochopee river, in Emanuel and Tattall counties, is gone. The damage is estimated at \$200,000. Rain continues to fall.

Southern Itinerary.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—President Garner, of the board of trade, has returned from Washington, where he went to extend to President Roosevelt an invitation to visit Jacksonville. The President assured his acceptance of the invitation, in a tour to include Richmond, Atlanta, Montgomery and possibly some other Southern cities, but fixing no definite time for the visit.

INTERSTATE Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION

A Highly Interesting Meeting to Be Held at Asheville in March.

The Second Annual Interstate Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association will meet in Asheville, N. C., March 11-14, 1905. It will be a very attractive one, including some of the leading religious speakers of the country. Address on topics of the work will be made by S. D. Gordon, Cleveland, O.; E. L. Shuey, Dayton, O. (expected); Dr. J. A. B. Scherer, Newberry College, S. C.; A. G. Knebel, New York; W. D. Weatherford, New York; Dr. Geo. J. Fisher, New York; C. L. Gates, Atlanta, Ga.; R. H. King, Charleston, S. C.; H. J. Knebel, Charlotte, N. C.

Topics—"Advance Steps" will be the general theme. Studies will be made of the various departments, Religious, Educational, Physical, Social, Boys' and "Advance Steps" will be suggested.

Special features—"Quiet Talks," by S. D. Gordon, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Gordon has few equals in giving helpful messages relating to the Christian life.

The Men's Meeting in the Great Auditorium.

The Boys' Meeting in the Association Auditorium.

The Reception of Delegates and Local Membership on Saturday evening.

The presentation of Educational Work, by E. L. Shuey, of Dayton, Ohio. Address by Dr. J. A. B. Scherer.

Each delegate and visitor must be supplied with credentials. The meeting will be a very proutable one and a large attendance from both States is expected and desired.

North State News.

There is a very great falling off in the sales of fertilizer tag tags, the Commissioner of Agriculture says, there being already a falling off of \$10,000 this season as compared with a year ago. This is a very plain indication that the farmers are curtailing to a great degree the use of commercial fertilizers, as they promised, in fact peddling themselves to do. It is a very valuable proof of how they are carrying out the great plans made.

Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., president of the Elizabeth Mills in Charlotte, indicted G. E. Ritch, before Magistrate J. W. Cobb Tuesday morning, for entering his mill during work hours and unlawfully inducing employees to leave the service of the company. Ritch is an employee of the Continental Mills, and it is supposed that he tried to induce the employees referred to take position with that mill.

An explorer who has often by compulsion eaten the flesh of animals not generally used as human food says that grilled lion steaks are delicious and much superior to those of the tiger. He says that the flesh of the rhinoceros, properly prepared, has all the good qualities of pork; that the trunk and feet of young elephants resemble veal, and that stewed bear constructor is a good substitute for rabbit.

The Senate committee on finance, after hearing argument for and against the bill recommended by Governor Glenn, creating a State purchasing agency to buy supplies for all State institutions, reported it unfavorably by a vote of 6 to 2.

The joint committee on Insane Monday afternoon reported favorably the bill appropriating \$25,000 for establishing an asylum for idiots and epileptics.

Fayetteville, Special.—Walter Partridge, the negro, charged with a criminal assault upon Mrs. Hales, was brought into court Monday morning and formally arraigned. The judge assigned J. W. Bolton to defend the negro, and ordered a special venire to try the case. The work of selecting the jury was in progress, when court adjourned in the afternoon.

News of the Day.

After refusing to set aside the jury's verdict, Judge Allen, at Roanoke, sentenced Charles R. Fishburne to five years in prison for manslaughter.

Officers now believe that the three men of the barge Gaston were murdered and robbed at Newport News.

Greensboro has organized a Chamber of Commerce.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Seven persons, five of whom were mail clerks, were injured in the derailment of No. 37, the Southern Railway's Washington and Southwestern limited train, at Fair Forest, six miles south of here, Thursday afternoon about 2 o'clock. The injuries sustained were in no case more than painful and all are comfortable tonight. The injured are: Engineer Creswell, of Charlotte, back and left leg; Ernest Williams, colored freeman, bruises about the breast; T. P. Miller, of Atlanta, mail clerk, left leg; J. S. Eagle, Atlanta, mail clerk, back; W. S. Moseley, mail clerk, back and legs; Ira McDaniel, mail clerk, leg and hand; T. E. Windsor, mail clerk, leg.

C. H. King, superintendent of the saw mill department of the Cape Fear Lumber Company, is at the hospital in Wilmington in a dangerous condition as result of being struck on the back of the head Monday afternoon by a coupling on a revolving shaft, under which he attempted to pass, and was struck down. His skull was fractured and he had not regained consciousness at last account.

E. C. Leath, aged 60, committed suicide in Richmond.

Bank at Fayetteville Fails.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—State Bank Examiner J. O. Ellington took charge of the Bank of Fayetteville, N. C., Saturday, posting a notice over his signature on the door of the institution stating that there was a shortage of \$28,000 in the accounts of the cashier and teller and that the bank would be closed for an investigation of the books by an expert accountant. Cashier John C. High and Teller George Myrover are under arrest, but were released on \$10,000 bonds.

SERIOUS FIRE LOSS

The City of Indianapolis Suffers By

Sunday Blaze

LOSSES ARE NUCC OVER A MILLION

For Four Hours Flames Originating in a Drug Establishment Threatened the Entire Wholesale District of the City, But Were Finally Controlled After Extensive Ravages.

Indianapolis, Special.—Fire which started in the large wholesale millinery house of Fahney & McCrea, located in South Meridian street, Sunday night spread to adjoining buildings, and within 45 minutes had completely destroyed eight buildings and is now menacing that portion of the wholesale district bounded by Meridian street and Georgia street, Jackson Place and the Union station.

Several explosions have occurred in the A. Kiefer Drug Company's warehouses, and on account of the inflammable material stored in the adjoining buildings the fire is yet beyond control. A storm of frebrands is falling over the business portion of the city, and many fires are expected to result. The damage already done is estimated at over a million dollars.

Among the heaviest losers are Fahney & McCrea, wholesale milliners; the A. Kiefer Drug Company; Griffith Bros., wholesale milliners; Delmetts & Co., toys and druggists' sundries; the United States Express Company's warehouses; the Savory Hotel; St. Charles Hotel, and Sherman Hotel. The roof of the shells at the Union depot is on fire.

Later—The total loss is \$1,500,000. When the fire was brought under control, eight buildings, among which were three hotels, had been completely destroyed. One fireman was hurt by falling walls.

Death of Young Battle.

Annapolis, Md., Special.—Midshipman Samuel Westray Battle, of the second class at the Naval Academy, and a son of Surgeon Samuel Westray Battle, United States Navy, retired, of Asheville, N. C., dropped dead at the brigade of midshipmen were called to dinner formation shortly after 12 o'clock Sunday. He had just taken his place as third petty officer of the second battalion's ninth company when he was stricken with heart failure. He fell before any one reached him, and was dead when picked up by his mates. Young Battle entered the academy in August, 1902, from Asheville, and was 21 years old. He was popular with his classmates and schoolmates and stood well in his studies. He was an oarsman and pulled stroke in last year's varsity eight at the academy, but did not become a candidate for the crew this season. He was also a member of the academy hop committee and was prominent socially. His parents have been notified by the authorities, but no arrangements have been made yet regarding the funeral.

Will Be No State Funeral.

St. Petersburg.—By Cable.—It has now been definitely decided that the remains of Grand Duke Sergius will not be brought to St. Petersburg for the present, but will be placed in a temporary receiving vault of the Choudoff Monastery to await the completion of the alterations now in progress in the Romanoff mausoleum in the cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, where the permanent interment will occur, among the tombs of his ancestors. Another reason is that even Governor General Treppoff has recognized the fact that no precautions can furnish an absolute guarantee of immunity against an act of terrorism; and at a great state funeral, where ancient custom requires that the Emperor and all of the Romanoff family assemble and follow the coffin on foot, a single bomb might wipe out the dynasty.

Freezing Rain Again Endangers Atlanta's Communications.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—A cold rain is falling, freezing on the wires and trees as it falls and threatening a repetition of the disastrous sleet storms of the past two weeks. No damage has been reported so far, but unless conditions change, communication with the outside world may be interfered with again.

Tillman Advised to Rest.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Senator Tillman reached his home at Trenton Sunday after a brief stay in Philadelphia under treatment of specialists. The Philadelphia physicians confirmed the diagnosis of his personal physician, Dr. J. W. Babcock, that Senator Tillman is suffering from grip poisoning affecting one of his nerves. The throat trouble with which he suffered last winter has been entirely relieved, and the specialists agree that the Senator's general condition is excellent, but he will not return to Washington during his session of Congress, being advised to rest for a while.

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