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THE CZAR WILL VACATE THE THRONE OF RUSSIA

A Mental Wreck, He Will Surrender the Reins to Grand Duke Michael

THE STARTLING STORY COMES FROM LONDON

It is Added That During the Infancy of the Czarvitch the Grand Duke Michael Will Reign as Regent. That the National Assembly of the People Will Be Abolished, and That a Military Dictatorship Will Be Established to Crush Revolution and Stamp Out Spirit of Anarchy from Russian Soil—Negotiating a Marriage That Will Draw Closer the Bonds of Friendship Between Russia and Great Britain.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) London, April 6.—The Daily Mirror, one of the Harmsworth publications, announces on what it claims to be excellent authority that the czar of Russia will resign within a month and that the Grand Duke Michael will be appointed regent during the infancy of the czarvitch.

It adds that the duma will be abolished and a military dictatorship will be formed with the object of stamping out revolution and ending the present anarchy in Russia.

The paper further says that the czar's mind has completely given way lately and that he has shown himself to be incapable of performing the smallest duties of his rank.

The Mirror submitted this report to the Russian embassy, where it was denied. Nevertheless, it insists that its information is correct and that the details of the scheme, which is now definitely settled, have been decided in outline for a month. The Mirror says the czar is at times unable to sign his name, and whenever any state matter is broached to him he trembles like a child. Something like a panic has reigned of late in the royal household. The czarina is almost heartbroken at the pitiable plight of her husband.

The certainty of his forced abdication, which has long been dawning upon him, has been hastened by the drift of circumstances and his own breakdown. Now, tired of it all, he is willing enough to sink into obscurity and yield the reins of office to a stronger man.

The Grand Duke Michael is grief-stricken at his brother's condition. He has shrunk from the responsibility of taking over the control of the great empire, but as the result of a series of family conclaves, in which the dowager czarina took a leading part, he has been convinced of the necessity of sacrificing himself.

To Negotiate Marriage. The Mirror also asserts that the visit of the dowager czarina to England, which ended on Friday, when she started for Biarritz in company with her sister, Queen Alexandra, was due to the Russian political situation, she came here for the purpose of negotiating a marriage between the Grand Duke Michael and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, one of the most popular of the English royalities, who was a great favorite of the late Queen Victoria.

The princess accepted the proposal, and the marriage may take place in April or the first week in May, if nothing happens to upset the arrangement.

The wedding will possibly take place in England, but more likely on the Riviera. It will be entirely without pomp, although possibly there will be a grander function at St. Petersburg later.

As the laws of the Russian court compel the wives of members of the imperial family to belong to the Greek-Orthodox Church, it was essential that Princess Victoria, who is a Protestant, should join that communion. The dowager czarina, who was raised a Protestant, had some difficulty in persuading the princess to change her religion, but she finally prevailed.

The courtship will be very brief, for thus far the Grand Duke Michael has not personally proposed marriage, the matter having been entirely arranged by others.

Princess Victoria, however, is well acquainted with Grand Duke Michael. She is a frequent correspondent with the Russian imperial family, and is

one of the dowager czarina's political friends.

Edward Holdo Aloof. King Edward's position, says The Mirror, has been one of strict aloofness throughout the negotiations. When he was approached on the subject he positively declined to have anything to do with it, leaving the matter entirely to the Princess Victoria herself. The king will not even listen to any reference to the matter, although he may possibly attend the wedding.

Immediately the regency is declared, some important diplomatic changes will be made, the story says. Count Benckendorff will be promoted from the embassy here to one of the highest appointments in St. Petersburg. He is a great favorite of the dowager czarina, who considers that his knowledge and experience are indispensable to the Russian government in this crisis.

Russo-British Entente. Much more important there will be a complete alteration in the European situation. The resulting change will primarily mean a great step toward a complete Russo-British entente, to which France will be a party. Great Britain, France and Russia will then form the most powerful combination in Europe. Germany's influence as a consequence will wane considerably.

The dowager czarina, like all true Danes, hates Germany, and the fact that the czarina is a German has been responsible for frequent quarrels between them.

Regarding Russia's future, The Mirror says that Grand Duke Michael has already laid down his policy, which has been discussed and approved at family conclaves. He will summarily end the duma and all other attempts at representative government.

Blood and Iron. A military dictatorship will be established under General Count Ignatieff. The world will witness it as a reign of blood and iron, but that will not be the case. The grand duke is a man in whom great severity is blended with kindness, and he is a statesman of high order. He says, in effect, that in Russia the only thing respected is brute strength.

"It would be better," he adds, "for Russia to have a hundred thousand persons slain in one day and then tranquility than that month after month the sacrifice of blood should be poured out without any progress. Seventy-five percent of the Russians are illiterate."

"I will establish schools all over the empire. We will break down the stupid ignorance of the people first and then step by step we will crush out the spirit of rebellion by which at the behest of a few fanatics the ignorant peasants are made sacrifice."

The Grand Duke is an intense admirer of England and England's institutions. With the help of an English wife he will hold England up as an example to be copied.

Enthusiasm at Court. In Russian court circles the utmost enthusiasm prevails. A new spirit has permeated things and succeeding to the blank dismay of the last few months there is bright anticipation, qualified, however, by the knowledge that the first days of the new regime may be days almost of terror.

No direct hint comes from St. Petersburg to support the Mirror's statements. English correspondents there, however, take a gloomy view of the state of the country and reaffirm their conviction that the duma end is in sight. The Telegraph's correspondents say that the center of the gravity is beyond the walls of the Taurida palace, where the duma is sitting. It is in the cities and rural districts, where fierce passions, hardly suppressed, are turning human beings into wild beasts.

Steamers Race Against Death. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 6.—Menaced on every side by flames which raged aboard the river steamer City of Troy, 100 persons reached Ardley-on-the-Hudson early today after an exciting mile race against fiery death.

The big boat is a total loss, but its brave crew succeeded in making the private dock on Edwin H. Gould's estate before the blazing hull plunged beneath the water. Little remains visible now of the City of Troy, save the funnel, which projects above the surface of the river, a shapeless mass of twisted iron which formed the upper works of the vessel.

None of the fifty passengers or of the crew of 44 were injured, but many are suffering the effects of a nervous shock incidental to the tragic affair.



This picture shows Miss Lillie Davis, the Bristol, Tennessee, girl, who was killed. It is alleged, by a young man whom she refused to marry. The killing occurred so near the state line between Tennessee and Virginia that it was necessary for surveyors to re-run the line in order to determine jurisdiction in the case.

ALLEGIANCE IS SWORN BY MANY

Ready to Aid Roosevelt Against the Cabal

POINTING TO PENROSE

In Spite of Denial That He Talked of a Rich Men's Conspiracy, It is Again Charged That the Senator Did Tell the Story at a Certain Dinner

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., April 6.—President Roosevelt is already getting returns on his pronouncement that there is a cabal of big interests to fight the perpetuation of his policies in congress and in the national convention. He is receiving assurances from great numbers of public men that they will stand with him in the fight to which he is summoning the country, and they express general approval of the course he has taken.

It is true that there are exceptions in some cases, including some officials who are connected with the administration, and who believe the president has started his fight about a year too early.

But among the people who have heard most of the intimate details of his plans from the president, the general opinion is that Mr. Roosevelt is playing the game right, and that he is likely to win.

In spite of the denial of Senator Penrose, the story that it was he who first talked of the rich men's conspiracy was repeated today from a new authority—that of a man who is said to have heard the president tell it as it was brought to him. It is said positively that at the dinner at which the matter came out there were three other senators. That the report was of such definite character and considered by politicians deserving of serious attention, is apparently shown by the fact that each of those three other senators hurried afterward to the president to tell him what had passed.

There is still considerable mystery as to the whereabouts and time of the dinner. One story is that it was one of a series of small "foods" given by Senator Bourne of Oregon at the Shoreham Hotel in the latter part of February. Senator Bourne declines to discuss the matter, and the most diligent inquiry at the Shoreham fails to fix the date.

IN COLLISION AT CHARLOTTE

One Man in Hospital at the Point of Death

ANOTHER MAN MAY DIE

Collision Between Seaboard Passenger Train No. 133 from Monroe and a Street Car—Wiley Howard of Rockingham, This State, and Lee Martin of Charlotte Most Seriously Hurt

(Special to The Evening Times.) Charlotte, N. C., April 6.—Wiley Howard of Rockingham, was perhaps fatally injured and Conductor Lee Martin of Charlotte, seriously hurt in a bad collision between a street car and Seaboard passenger train No. 133 from Monroe at ten o'clock this morning.

The accident happened where both tracks pass through deep cuts in the suburbs of the city, and the car was on the track before the passenger engine was seen.

W. J. Shelby and Frank Jones of Charlotte, were painfully injured, also a colored woman, Rosa Chestnut. The street car was smashed and the windows shattered.

The accident attracted a large crowd of the curious. The blame for the collision will have to be determined by an investigation.

CHARGE OF ARSON AGAINST A NEGRO

(Special to The Evening Times.) Salisbury, N. C., April 6.—Charles McCormick, a negro of some standing in the town, was given a hearing in the magistrate's court this morning upon a grave charge. On Thursday night the boxing boots of Mrs. M. C. Quinn was discovered on fire, and when the spot was reached, McCormick was found in the room from which the blaze was seen. It developed that he had been trying to gain entrance into the room of the colored woman there, and, finding a visitor, became jealous and made an attempt upon the house. The fire was discovered about midnight and was extinguished before any damage was done. He was later caught in the western portion of the town and jailed. The case came up this morning at 10 o'clock and all the evidence in the matter was taken.

The Southern Railway had a squad of men here yesterday looking over the site of the new station and making preparations to begin the work of excavating. The contract calls for the beginning of the work before the middle of the month.

LYING ALIVE IN ARMS OF DEATH

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Millington, Mich., April 6.—Though pronounced dead by physicians, Ernest Cobb, the 16 year old son of M. T. Cobb, of this city, has shown signs of life, since his supposed demise a few days ago. Young Cobb shows apparently that he is in a deep sleep. His face is flushed and his body is not cold nor rigid.

MAN SHOT DOWN AT HALL'S CROSS ROADS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Louisville, N. C., April 6.—News reached here last night, that at Hall's cross roads, on the border of this county and Wake, a man named Fuller entered the store of W. Henry Perry, and shot Perry, killing him instantly. The cause of the trouble was a dispute about some machinery. Deputy Sheriff Kearney has gone to investigate the matter.

EVANGELISTIC MEETING AT TABERNAACLE CHURCH

A series of evangelistic meetings will begin at the Tabernacle Baptist church tomorrow and will continue for two weeks. The services will be conducted by Rev. T. F. Martin, an evangelist of national reputation, and he is said to be a preacher of much power. He is from Blue Mountain, Miss.

CLIMAX OF THE CAUSE CELEBRE

Thaw Now Beholds It Approaching Fast

JEROME IS BEATEN

He Can Find No Basis Upon Which to Rest an Appeal from the Lunacy Board's Decision—Was Thaw Same When He Killed White? Is the Question.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 6.—With a definite announcement by the district attorney that he would make no further attempt to upset the finding of the lunacy commission who declared Harry K. Thaw sane, the famous case today swept toward the climax of freedom or death for the prisoner.

The district attorney acknowledged himself beaten. He could find no basis for an appeal from the decision of the lunacy board to a higher court as he declared he would when that decision was first made public. Consultation with the most eminent legal authorities in New York City finally convinced him that the board's fiat must stand. Both sides today, therefore, pressed on with the preparations for the last chapter of the trial—the summing up.

From what could be gathered from as much of these preparations as became known, this summing up promise to be one of the greatest of legal arguments ever heard in the courts of New York, or, indeed, anywhere in the country.

It was conceded today that the trial has now resolved itself into the question: "Was Harry K. Thaw sane when he killed Stanford White?"

That question Delmas M. Delmas, the eloquent attorney of California, will answer in the negative. He will review the doings of the case, infusing his hard facts and wearisome reiterations with the warmth of living argument as he is permitted to do only in this phase of the case.

Delmas May Argue All Day. It was stated today that Delmas will take up a whole session of the court with his final work. That will occur on Monday when the jury will re-assemble. Both Delmas and Jerome have agreed to call no more witnesses. By Monday night all that can be done for Thaw will have been ended.

On Tuesday the district attorney will sum up for the prosecution. It was said in the criminal court building today that Jerome will take less time than Delmas plans to take. Four hours was stated as the limit for the district attorney's last appeal for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Jerome after all his shifting of ground is now prepared to declare that Thaw was sane when he killed White. Again will come the review of the trial, but this time from the point of view of the prosecution. Jerome will interpret every fact brought to light as evidence of deliberate murder.

The Judge's Charge. Justice Fitzgerald may or may not deliver his charge to the jury on Tuesday. It was generally believed today that this charge will be brief. In that case he may choose to turn over the case to the jury on the same afternoon. That the district attorney will have finished his closing address. He may, however, choose to wait until Wednesday morning. Thursday, undoubtedly, it was said today, will see the end of the great trial.

Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was an early caller at the Tombs today. She told her chauffeur not to call for her until the hour when all visitors are excluded from the prison. Mrs. Thaw looked bright and cheerful.

LOOKS LIKE A HUNG JURY IN SNIPES CASE

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilmington, N. C., April 6.—At one o'clock today there was apparently no possibility of an agreement of the twelve jurors in the case of Lohrie Snipes, the youth charged with killing W. E. Williams, a traveling man, on the night of September 14th. Williams was shot to death in a busy house. His home was in Covington, Ky.



Frank A. Busse, whose picture here appears, has been elected Mayor of Chicago after one of the bitterest political fights in the history of the Western Metropolis. Mr. Busse was at the time of his election Postmaster of Chicago.

PEOPLE BITTEN BY RAILROADS

Senator Thomas of Lynchburg Makes the Charge

HE OPPOSES DANIELS

Thomas F. Ryan and Four Railroad Attorneys are on the Virginia Democratic State Committee, and Can Run Things as They Please, is the Assertion of Thomas.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Richmond, Va., April 6.—State Senator A. F. Thomas of Lynchburg, who has attracted considerable attention throughout the state of account of his avowed opposition to the re-nomination of Major John W. Daniels for the United States senate, has issued a protest against existing political conditions in Virginia. He says, in part:

"The democratic executive committee of the state is appointed by the state chairman. It consists of ten members, chief of whom is Thomas F. Ryan who, with four railroad attorneys, two of whom are chief counsel for two of the trunk lines traversing the state, form half of the committee.

"It is patent that with the aid of the chairman they can dominate the organization and would subvert, though powerful influence upon politics."

Senator Thomas further charges that the people have been quietly sleeping and the railroads have been quietly governing. In this connection, he says:

"For my part, I am unalterably opposed to organized control of the democratic party by the railroads of any other special interest. I believe the democratic party of the state should reorganize upon a better and more democratic basis and place in the party of men who believe in government by the people rather than government by corporations."

TWO MEN ASPHYXIATED BY ILLUMINATING GAS. Baltimore, April 6.—Two men, Charles W. Taylor and Henry (generally known as "Hatch") Burch, met death early yesterday morning by being asphyxiated by illuminating gas in a room at the Saratoga Hotel, conducted by Albert E. Taylor, 105 East Saratoga street. Charles W. Taylor was a brother of the proprietor of the place. Taylor and Burch had been together all the evening, and were somewhat the worse for drink when they arrived at the house, shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday morning, and asked for a room.

The coroner found a verdict of accidental death.

JAPAN TO HAVE THE BIGGEST BATTLESHIP

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) London, April 6.—It is announced here that the largest battleship of the world, to have a displacement of 21,000 tons, is to be built in England for the Japanese government, and that a commission is already on its way here from Japan for the purpose of placing the contract with a Great Britain shipbuilder. The cost of the new battleship will be about \$11,250,000.

HOW HARRIMAN MAY UPLIFT US

By Becoming a Spectacle Behind the Bars

WHERE SOME WANT HIM

An Official Attending the Interstate Commerce Commission's Investigation of the Alton Deal Says That the Community Will be Given That Spectacle if Possible.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Washington, D. C., April 6.—"The spectacle of Mr. Harriman in jail, if only for five minutes, would be more helpful to the moral uplift now in progress in this country than anything else just at present," said an official at the interstate commerce commission following the conclusion of the arguments by counsel in the Harriman investigation, "and that is what is going to be presented to the community, if possible."

Continuing this official said: "It seems plain enough now why the Harriman lawyers wanted to present arguments to the commission about the legality and regularity of the Alton deal in favor of the theory that the consolidation of the Union and Southern Pacific was not a violation of the Sherman act. They hoped by doing this to make so good a case, and to so far impress the commission with the earnestness of their protestations of intention to be good in future, as to induce the commission to give up its plan of sending the evidence to the department of justice. Well, the plan will not succeed. The evidence which the commission has taken will go to the department of justice and there is excellent ground for saying that delay in starting prosecution will be just as brief as possible."

Government's Strong Point. The trend of the arguments presented by the Harriman lawyers, and of the replies by the attorneys for the commission indicated plainly that both sides believe the strong point for the government and the weak one for Harriman is in the contract between the Harriman system and the San Pedro road, by which the latter bound itself to subordinate itself in all traffic and operating matters to the Harriman traffic department, the government's lawyers riddled this contract and insisted that it was an especially rank arrangement in restraint of trade.

It is rumored that the publication of the Sydney Webster letter of Mr. Harriman was the most unfortunate thing that has happened for the Union Pacific magnate since his feud with the president began. But for that Harriman's promises to be good, taken together with the fact that some members of the interstate commerce commission are opposed on principle to criminal prosecutions under the Sherman act, might have availed to induce the commission to give up prosecution. But such an outcome was impossible after the Webster letter and succeeding developments had aroused the administration to determination to employ every possible resource against Harriman. No quarter will be given, and the government representatives are more confident since the arguments of yesterday, even than they were before, that a criminal proceeding will win.

THE MANAGER DUMB ON WAGE QUESTION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Norfolk, Va., April 6.—At the office of General Manager F. F. Whittlesey of the Seaboard Air Line Railway it was today declared that Mr. Whittlesey had no statement to make either way of the demands being made by the engineers of the Seaboard for a ten per cent general increase and fifteen per cent increase for switch engineers. As to whether the Seaboard expects to take any action on the subject one way or the other no statement could be heard at Mr. Whittlesey's office.