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RUSSIA'S CREDIT NOT GOOD

(Scripps News Association)
St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—Every factory in the city is closed this morning on account of the holidays. The employers have generally decided not to open the works again until after the celebration of the Red Sunday January 22. Many stations along the Siberian railway have been placed under martial law.

WILL VISIT ROOSEVELT
Bakhamteff, the new Russian minister to Japan, will proceed to Tokio at once. He will go by the way of the United States and will visit President Roosevelt with whom he is acquainted. He is charged with the task of cementing the friendship between Russia and Japan.

RUSSIA ALMOST A BANKRUPT
All agree that the financial condition of Russia is extremely threatening. Paper money has been issued to an extent far in excess of the government's ability to redeem. The only solution of the difficulty is the floating of a new loan which is practically impossible while the present conditions last. To make matters more disheartening for the government, a dispatch was received this morning from Paris, stating that the efforts of M. Kokovtsov, the former minister of finance, to secure a loan of eight hundred thousand francs has resulted in utter failure. The French money lenders absolutely refused to advance the money while the present conditions continue to exist in Russia.

ATTEMPTED TRAIN WRECK
(Scripps News Association)
Sacramento, Cal. Jan. 6.—The Southern Pacific Oroville local passenger was wrecked eight miles east from Marysville at ten o'clock last evening. The engine and baggage car left the track. No one was hurt. The cause of the wreck was an attempt to wreck the train by malicious persons who battered the switch open with a hammer torn from a switch stand.

TO BEGIN EARLY
(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 6.—Representative Kahn of California today introduced a bill appropriating a million dollars to provide for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific ocean by Vasco Nunez Balboa, by holding an international exposition at San Francisco in 1913. He also proposes to hold an immense naval review of ships of all nations in the bay on September 25, the day which Balboa first saw the Pacific.

EXPLOSION OCCURS
(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Jan. 6.—Fifteen are reported killed in an explosion in the Dolosa & Sheard stone quarry at Carryhills south of this city.
Latest reports now are that six men were killed. The officials of the company say that the report at the office is three killed and several injured. It is believed that the men were heating dynamite preparatory to blasting.

JAPANESE HISTORY
(Scripps News Association)
South Bend Ind., Jan. 6.—A course in Japanese history was established today in the Notre Dame university, with Francis Sugita, a graduate university of Tokio in the chair.

GRAIN MARKETS
Chicago, Jan. 6.—Wheat opened at 88½, closed 88½; corn opened at 44½, closed 44½; oats opened 52½, closed 52½.

A BARREL OF RATS
Washington, D. C. Jan. 6.—Word has been received at national museum that a barrel of rats has been shipped to that institution from Manila. They are coming in pickle. Some months ago rats were very numerous in Manila and the surrounding parts of Luzon. Many of them became affected with cholera and other diseases, which they sometime communicated to man. The health authorities offered a bounty of half a cent for each rat brought in. The natives set to work killing, trapping and snaring rats by the thousands.
Major Edgar A. Mearns, surgeon of the United States army, is an enthusiastic naturalist and collector. He soon perceived that many of the rats were of considerable scientific value. Some belonged to species unknown to naturalists and a barrelful is now on the way to the National museum.

EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO FIND MURDERER

Officers Feel that They Have the Right Man in Charge and that Steunenburg's will be Run to Earth Soon.

Caldwell, Jan. 6.—The chain of evidence against Harry Orchard, alias Thomas Hogan, in the ex-Governor Frank Steunenburg murder case, is growing rapidly link by link. There is no doubt in the minds of the officers or of citizens here that the man is guilty of manufacturing and placing the bomb which caused the death of the ex-governor, but the evidence so far is all circumstantial, and the sleuths engaged on the case are now working to secure evidence that is absolutely conclusive. It is believed such evidence exists.

TO CLOSE ALL LOOP HOLES
"The evidence we are now able to submit," said Captain Swain today, "is sufficient, I believe, to convict this man of the assassination of Frank Steunenburg before any fair-minded jury, but we are going to take no chances, leave no possible loop holes that could possibly admit of his escape. There is additional evidence to be had and we will get it."

Late developments in the case appearing in The Statesman this morning for the first time have been the subject of much discussion all day. Citizens greatly rejoice over the quick and decisive methods of the detectives in digging up facts of vital importance in connection with Orchard's past criminal record.

NO DANGER OF MOB LAW
Had these facts become public a few days ago it is stated a riot might have occurred. No danger of such a proceeding now exists here, for the public now realizes the importance of Orchard's preservation. The citizens demand that Orchard alone be punished to the full extent of the law for his offense, when it shall have been definitely proved against him, but that every man involved in the

matter be hunted down and brought to justice. It is truly believed that Orchard was merely a tool. Few people question the theory that a conspiracy existed, that an organized body of men conceived the plot, elected Orchard, and perhaps one or two assistants to arrange the details of how the dastardly crime should be accomplished and to carry it out.
Considering the time of the year the murder took place, the next to the last day of the year, many believe that the perpetrator of the deed had a time limit in which to culminate his plans and bring about the death of the marked man.

Fred Miller, of the Spokane law firm of Robertson, Rosenhaup & Miller, did not arrive here today, as expected, to defend Harry Orchard. It is said he left the train at Walla Walla, and it is supposed he will turn up tomorrow morning.

County Attorney Van Duyn states it will be impracticable to hold the preliminary examination before Wednesday. The evidence is being put in shape for the examination, but the chemical analysis of the powders found in Hogan's grip have not been completed. Professor G. F. Jones of the state university at Moscow, is on his way here to complete these analysis and verify the results reached by the local chemist. His report must be secured before the state will be ready to proceed with the preliminary.

The local analysis of these powders indicate they are high explosives, but it is understood these have been very superficial tests, the person making them not being equipped to do the work thoroughly. It is the understanding of the county attorney that Orchard will demand a preliminary—that he will not waive—and it is the intention to get the case ready just as promptly as possible.

There was a sensational rumor here today to the effect that Jack Simpkins, who was notorious as one of the dynamiters during the Couer d'Alene troubles of 1899, came to Caldwell with Orchard when the latter paid his visit in November. The officers state that story is false. A man registered at the Pacific hotel immediately after Hogan, as Orchard called himself, but a close investigation has developed the fact that this man wore a black mustache and was very stoop-shouldered, a description which, it is said, does not fit Simpkins.
Another interesting feature of the day has been an effort on the part of some of the persons working on the case to show that Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was here with Orchard in November. Others pool-pooch that, and it is certain if the Denver man were here that he did not register under his own name.
It has been learned that Moyer was in Silver City on October 26 and visited the union there. That has probably given rise to the report that he was here.
The man was arrested at Nampa Wednesday maintains his determination not to talk. He was sweated again today but resolutely refused to give information of any character. He is thought to be an important character in the scheme of crime but so far there is nothing known unless information has been secured by the officers which they are withholding.

WAS STEUNENBERG WARNED
It is now fully believed by the members of the family that Frank Steunenburg had some sort of intimation of a plot against his life. And it is thought that he had been warned that he would not live to see a new year. This theory is not authenticated by any word of deceased before his death or by any anonymous letter or note found in his effects, although a thorough search of his late letters has been made for such evidence. The theory is based upon his peculiar and extraordinary actions during Friday and Saturday. He seemed to be worrying about some matter. He walked the floor of the bank nervously with a meditative and troubled expression upon his face Friday afternoon. Important business at the bank Saturday forenoon which required concentration of thought had to be postponed because he could not get his mind on business matters.

THE ICE MAN DEAD

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Jan. 6.—The body of Jacob Rustman, president of the Jefferson Ice Co., was found dead in the corporation office this morning. A revolver was found beside him, and though he had been shot the police are unable to say whether he was murdered or whether it is a case of suicide. Rustman was forty years of age and was very wealthy.
Dr. Charles Genn, who was Rustman's physician says that during the past year Rustman has suffered losses aggregating several hundred thousand dollars. These losses, he declares were the results of the persecutions of the alleged ice trust. The doctor says that the deceased told him that he could not stand the strain any longer. The doctor further declares that Rustman has been practically insane for the past two weeks.

DECATUER ACQUITTED

(Scripps News Association)
Annapolis, Jan. 6.—It is announced that midshipman Decatuer who was tried by court martial, charged with hazing McCrary of Texas and Church of Indiana was acquitted this afternoon.

NEW YORK WOMAN MURDERED

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Gentry was found in her room lying in a pool of blood dead. The murdered woman's husband is president of the Universal Trading and Supply Company. The mystery as to the cause is unsolved. Her throat was cut from ear to ear. She tried to tell the physician how she received the wound but died before she uttered a word. Friends say the man whom the janitor saw a boarder who it was believed tried to rob Mrs. Gentry or was repulsed in unwelcome advances when she was killed. The blood stained razor was found in the hall of the apartment. The murdered woman only married Gentry last September. She was highly educated and was a painter of some note. Gentry became hysterical when notified at his office.

Owing to the fact that in the same portion of the city at midnight Mrs. Carl O. Almbeg and John E. Moller were murdered or committed suicide upset the north portion of the city and the entire tective force is at work.

The police say that they are looking for Frank J. Constantine whose father is said to be well known in New York. Constantine is a roomer in the building. The police took charge of a number of letters in his room and he received a stated income from his father and had a predilection for observing closely the charms of handsome women.

ST. LOUIS' EXPOSITION SCANDAL

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 6.—The methods and management of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company may yet come up for investigation at the hands of the national government. Senator Carter, of Montana, president of the National commission, is prepared to turn loose a broadside in congress should that body make an inquiry into the manner in which the original five million dollar appropriation and the subsequent loans which the government advanced were expended. It is reported that Senator Carter and the other members of the commission are indignant at the treatment the fair officials have accorded them. Charges of incompetency, violation of federal law, and questionable methods in the disposition of the salvage after the close of the fair, will be made. The Louisiana Purchase Exposition will certainly be heard of again.

MAIL CLERKS INJURED

(Scripps News Association)
Reno, Nev., Jan. 6.—The fast mail train No. 9 went into a ditch at Harney at 11 o'clock last night while speeding across the Nevada desert to make up lost time, and several persons were injured and traffic was blocked until a late hour this morning. Four mail clerks were the most seriously hurt, Chris Denzing, T. E. Powell of Omaha and J. J. Burke and Geo. Scott of Sacramento. There were fourteen mail clerks on the train and all were more or less hurt.

OPENED THIS MORNING

(Scripps News Association)
Kansas City, Jan. 6.—Despite the fire which greatly damaged the building of the Bank of Commerce last night, the bank opened this morning at the usual hour ready to transact business.

PANIC IN A HOTEL BLAZE

Portland, Ore., Jan. 6.—Fires, which apparently originated in the storeroom of a sewing machine establishment, gave a severe fright to the occupants of the Antlers hotel, a pretentious rooming house on the corner of Tenth and Washington streets, at 1 o'clock this morning. The guests were quickly aroused by the dense smoke which pervaded the structure and all escaped.

The fire department gained control of the fire in a short time. Most of the guests returned to their apartments by way of the fire escapes when they found there was no immediate danger, and rescued their possessions.

Mr. N. R. Wilson who has been visiting relatives and friends in our city returned to his home in Spokane this morning.

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