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A LETTER WHICH LAID THE PLOT TO ASSASSINATE EX-GOVENOR STEUNENBURG AND WHICH LED TO WHOLESAL ARRESTS NOW IN HANDS OF PROSECUTION

LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY WESTERN FEDERATION TO A TRUSTED AGENT.

(Scripps News Association)

A letter written by the Western Federation to a trusted agent in Silver City is what laid the foundation for the wholesale arrests in connection with the Steunenburg case.

The letter was not received by the person addressed, as he was not in Silver City at the time of its arrival and it was delivered to another. Detectives who were engaged in the case after the murder, came in possession of the letter, but fearing to have it discovered on their person, buried it and left the city without it. They sent another detective there after it who brought it back with him.

The letter directed the assassination of Steunenburg and called attention to the success of the organization in the past in inflicting punishment without discovery. The letter outlined the death of Steunenburg, but the name of the person addressed is withheld, but is thought to be Jack Simpkins. The valuable letter was delivered to the prosecuting attorney who turned it over to the detective who was imprisoned with Orchard who used it to extort Orchard's confession. The document was evidently written to encourage the agent in the commission of the crime, and the details of other crimes were submitted to show that the organization protected its men. The details of the Independence, Talluride and Cripple Creek affairs were given and went to show that the Federation saved its agents from conviction. This letter and Orchard's confession revealed the plot of the Western Federation and established the guilt of the "inner circle" of the order.

Fred Miller, Orchard's attorney who appeared for him at the preliminary examination was refused permission to

see his client today by the warden. No reason was given for the warden's action in this respect but it is believed that it is the intention of the prosecution to prevent Orchard being tempted or induced to retract his confession. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone are confined in separate cells, but were permitted to hold a consultation. All letters are being inspected by prison authorities. Steve Adams who was arrested in Haines, Vincent-St. Johns, and President Burke, of the miners' union, all Steunenburg suspects, were delivered to the penitentiary today.

SAN FRANCISCO TROUBLES

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco Feb. 22.—Fire which wrecked one of the power plants of San Francisco Gas and Electric company early this morning has cut the city off from all communication with the outside world. The plant with valuable generating machinery was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$350,000. The evening papers will come out late.

SECRETARY TAFT SPEAKS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 22.—Secretary of war, Taft spoke on the Philippines to the children at the Washington birthday meeting this morning at the auditorium. This afternoon in the same place he will address the Union league club on "Army and republic" and this evening he speaks at a club banquet.

COMMON CARRIER BILL

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 22.—Congressman Rhinock, of Kentucky, introduced a bill into the House today to make oil pipe lines common carriers and placed under restriction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

ALL HOPE GONE

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 22.—Hoch, the bigamist, has given up all hope and laughed as he said he was ready to hang tomorrow.

Last Words of George Washington:

Born 1732, Died 1799

"It is well, I am about to die, and I look upon it with perfect resignation."

VALUABLE INFORMATION REGARDING WAR CLAIMS

(Observer Special)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Many persons of Oregon and Washington who have at some time in pioneer days lost property through Indian depredations, are pressing to have their claims allowed. Some of these cite as precedents the success of other claimants in recovering for losses sustained through the same Indian violence, and urge equitable recognition at the hands of congress.

Courts have held in recent years that depredations of Indians committed while in a state which has been styled "amity", shall be paid for, primarily by the government who is the keeper of the Indians, and in some instances where such provision is made therefor, by the Indians themselves after the government has acted. The whole question hinges on "amity" and "hostility." As Indians were sometimes committing depredations in the early part of a war-like raid, before the government recognized them as being hostile, such

SPLIT IN RANKS

(Scripps News Association)
Pittsburg, Feb. 22.—Dissension in the ranks of the bituminous miners of this district has resulted in a split in the local organization. Dolan maintains the regular headquarters and is continuing business. John Mitchell is backing the dissenters.

OBJECTS TO JOINT STATEHOOD

(Observer Special)

Washington D. C. Feb. 22.—There is little prospect of Arizona and New Mexico becoming a state jointly, at this session of Congress. Already the feeling of the Senate against binding them together in statehood is strong, as it is being made clear to the legislators of the upper branch that Arizona bitterly opposes such a course, and will fight it to the last ditch. Arizona had far rather remain a territory for some time to come, than be yoked with her sister, and the delegation working here has satisfied the Senate of that fact. No matter what is the sentiment from other quarters, the Senate will not force statehood upon Arizona under such circumstances.

Oregon's delegation leans toward this view strongly. Senator Fulton has expressed himself repeatedly to the steering committee, and Senator Gearin is also understood to be against forcible jointure as the divorce courts for states is slower than the mill's of the gods.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP PARTY

(Scripps News Association)
Fresno, Feb. 22.—About fifty delegates from various parts of the state, chiefly from San Francisco and Los Angeles assembled here today to attend the "Public Ownership Party." There is already some dissension as to the objects some think it is in the interest of Mayor Schmitz and William R. Hearst.

CHIEF'S WIFE DEAD

(Scripps News Association)
Lusk Wyo, Feb. 22.—Mrs Warbonnet, wife of the Sioux chief, herself the slayer of many whites died here this afternoon of alcoholism.

IN HAVANA

(Scripps News Association)
Havana, Feb. 22.—Congressman Longworth and bride arrived here today and was given a welcome by the government officials.

DEMAND INCREASE

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 22.—Fifty Mexican war veterans in this city are demanding that the government pay them for all of their comrades. They estimate that within the year 25 per cent of those now living will have died and that all will have passed away during the next five and ten years.

DISGUSTED WITH SERVICE

(Scripps News Association)
Seattle, Feb. 22.—Two thousand business men met at a mass meeting last night and signed an order removing the Sunset telephones. This was brought about by the poor service and from the further fact that the committee of the city council failed to remedy matters. The independent company promise to install 6000 phones at once and by August will have long distance lines all over the coast.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

(Scripps News Association)
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Senator Brackett has introduced a resolution today calling for a convention to frame an amendment to the United States constitution giving congress power to enforce prohibition and requests other states to join in the movement.

SUICIDE IDENTIFIED

(Scripps News Association)
Denver, Feb. 22.—The suicide found in the cemetery Tuesday has been identified as John Taylor, a wealthy and prominent mine operator in the West and in South America, with headquarters at Buenos Ayers.

CAPTAIN CENSURED

(Scripps News Association)
Seattle, Feb. 22.—During the Valencia investigation, Captain Wallace was severely censured.

WALLA WALLA P. M.

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 22.—The resident nominated E. L. Brunton to be postmaster at Walla Walla.

BIRTHDAY BEING OBSERVED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday is being observed throughout the government departments to day. Congress met as usual. Washington's farwell address was read in the senate. A most elaborate celebration was held at Alexandria, across the river.

NEW TAILOR SHOP

I desire to inform the public that I have opened a tailoring establishment in the McKennon building, where I would be pleased to meet my friends and the public generally. My five year's experience in the city has been such that to many of the readers of the Observer I need no introduction, to others I only ask a trial order.

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