

PLAN OF BATTLE AGAINST DOWIE

Voliva Plans to Have Apostle Arrested on Reaching Chicago.

HAS HIS LOVE LETTERS

Prophet Called Swiss Heiress Little Lump of Gold—Zion Split Into Factions, and Another Revolution May Come.

ZION CITY, Ill., April 4.—(Special.)—“Keep away from Zion City, Mr. Dowie; stay where you are and avoid trouble. We have the documentary evidence against you.”

Such is the substance of messages sent to the First Apostle from officials at Zion City tonight. An effort is being made in this manner to avoid the scenes and consequences which will surely result if John Alexander Dowie carries out his declared intention to return to Zion and give battle to regain the power from which he has been ousted. Complete plans have been agreed upon by the overseers as to the methods to be pursued in the event of Dowie's arrival in Zion, but Overseer Voliva and the others declined to go into details as to what will be done.

Arrest Dowie for Fraud.

Eighty-four charges of obtaining money by false pretenses will be preferred against Dowie, according to present plans. Investors in land and stock in Zion City have been canvassed and that number of persons who are willing to proceed against him was found. It is planned to have him arrested in Chicago, it is declared. Immediately on his arrival there next week, and before he has had an opportunity to go to Zion City.

Apostle's Love Letters.

“Love letters of an Apostle” is the title of the latest volume added to Zion City's library of scandal. The volume has not yet been published, and perhaps never will be, but today two of the letters, ferocious with the peculiar style of emotion Dowie affected, were given out. These, with 60 others which the Apostle had written to Ruth Christiana Church, were given to Ruth Christiana Church, who is the daughter of Dowie. They will be produced as a feature, and a striking one, of the great warfare promised on Dowie's arrival in his former realm.

Three Rapids in Zion.

The opinion rapidly is crystallizing that when the deposed head of theocracy and industry arrives in Zion City next Tuesday he will find that all Zion's allegiance is divided into three parts. Under the banner of Mr. Voliva is the chief force. There still are some in the city who make no secret of their belief that Dr. Dowie was the victim of a great conspiracy and who need only the sound of the former leader's vituperative voice, as he lashes his enemies, to rally around the “prophet” for a struggle to restore his dominion in the hierarchy.

May Change Entire Policy.

A pronounced “passive” element in the city has developed a secret dislike for the continuation of any form of Dowie rule and is ready to denounce the “Vollvans.” This element, the deacons admitted today, is to be feared, as it may precipitate a revolution that will sweep “Vollvans” and “Original Dowieites” from the administration and dictate a new and broader policy, a change of overseers and deacons, and new faces in every active position in the community.

MAY MAKE VOLIVA RECEIVER

Dowie's Enemies Prepare Vigorous Measures for His Return.

CHICAGO, April 4.—It was decided today by Overseer Voliva of Zion City, that, in view of the announced return of John Alexander Dowie from Mexico and his declared intention of making a fight against the action suspending him from office, the present overseer shall be appointed receiver of the Church of Zion and of all of the property standing in the name of the First Apostle. The courts will probably be asked to name Mr. Voliva as receiver within the next few days.

It was also asserted by the officers of Zion City that, if Dowie returns and commences legal action against the present officers of the church, or attempts to oust them, they will cause his arrest and prosecution on the charge of misuse of funds.

Mr. Voliva today, acting under the power of attorney he holds from Dowie, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Lake County an assignment to Deacon Alexander Grainger of all the annuities and bequests that have been made to Dowie and are still unpaid.

A message was today received by Mr. Grainger from Dowie, reading as follows: “You are hereby removed from your office as general financial manager, and all your offices. I warn you, should you undertake to exercise any authority as financial manager, it will be regarded as criminal.”

Mr. Grainger, after reading the message, declared that he would pay no attention to it, but would continue to discharge his duties as financial manager of Zion City.

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CHICAGO, April 4.—Deacon V. V. Barnes, Dowie's general counsel, has sent a telegram, refusing to act on his instructions to cancel Mr. Voliva's power of attorney and install instead Fielding H. Whitte, Mr. Barnes' message follows:

“Four states of health he had for the proper protection of our rights. Everything transferred to Grainger. Deeds have been duly executed and placed on record. Will not act on your instructions. Am acting in the interest of Zion. Believe it will be to your interest to confirm the agreement. There will be sufficient evidence. Have documentary evidence. Members of the Zion Church in Switzerland in a cablegram today informed Mr. Voliva and the action that has been taken against Dowie.

Dowie at Mexico City Today.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 4.—Word was received from Ocotlan today that John Alexander Dowie expects to reach this city tomorrow on his way to Chicago. He declined to add anything to his statement given out last night, but said that he might have something to say before his departure from this city.

CHAMPION COWBOY DEAD

Duncan Clark Accidentally Shot by Hunting Companion.

DENVER, April 4.—A Republican sportsman from Cheyenne, Wyo., says that Duncan Clark, for many years holder of the title of champion steer-roper of the world, was accidentally killed today while hunting with two friends. The three were crawling along the ground toward a herd of antelope when a gun carried by the man immediately behind Clark was discharged. The charge entered Clark's body, causing instant death.

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Some of the members of the committee privately admitted before coming to New York for the present negotiations that the original demands were greater than that the leaders could afford to trim them down and still leave the miners enough to be satisfied.

Concessions Likely to Be Made.

It is believed that if the operators will meet the men half-way on some of the demands they have made, such as the reconstruction of the conciliation board, an eight-hour day and an increase in pay for some classes of labor, the miners will seriously consider the proposition of re-signing the commission's award for more than one year. The miners have asserted that they would not bind themselves to an agreement for three years.

Preparations for another meeting tomorrow between the subcommittee representing the anthracite miners and operators kept the scale committee of miners busy today. Two long sessions were held, but beyond the following statement by President Mitchell, no information was given out:

Referred to Sub-Committee.

The committee appointed by the Shamokin conciliation met at the Ashland House today and had under consideration the communication from the Governor of Pennsylvania and the offer of the anthracite coal operators to renew and continue for three years the award of the anthracite coal strike commission. It was decided that the matter of further negotiations and the proposition of the anthracite miners be referred to the subcommittee for their consideration. A further meeting of the general committee is held tomorrow at 9 A. M.

All the district leaders received reports from the anthracite fields during the day and evening, and, notwithstanding reports that more coal was mined today than yesterday or Monday, they declared the situation was entirely satisfactory to them. Mr. Mitchell is devoting almost as much time to the situation in the bituminous fields as he is to the hard coal regions. He is hourly in receipt of telegrams from his lieutenants and from coal operators in the West.

Glad Roosevelt Stayed Out.

When Mr. Mitchell was informed that President Roosevelt had declined to interfere with the soft coal troubles, he showed great interest and inquired if the text of the President's communication had been made public. He refused to comment on the President's action, but plainly showed he was much gratified at the stand the President has taken.

HE DECLINES TO INTERFERE

President Refuses to Appoint Commission on Strike.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—It is stated at the White House that the President has made a reply to the telegram received from the coal operators and that which the text will not be made public, there is authority for the statement that the President has decided not to interfere as long as conditions remain as they now are.

COLUMBUS, O., April 4.—John H. Winder, president of the Ohio Operators Association, today gave out part of a letter he has received from President Roosevelt, in which the President answers the request that a commission be appointed by him to settle the miners' strike. The President said:

“To appoint a committee to meet with the miners and operators, as you request, would necessitate action on the part of Congress. As yet I am not prepared to say what action I personally will or can take in the matter.”

HARD COAL MINERS HOPEFUL

Picketing Begins at Mines and Several Disturbances Occur.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—In anticipation that a satisfactory arrangement will be made by the operators' and miners' representatives when they again meet in conference today in New York, hope prevails throughout the anthracite region. Unlike the years 1902 and 1903, when both strikes were preceded by pronounced agitation, the miners appear to believe that when the conferees finish their deliberations they will have adopted a plan which, if it does not comply with all the demands of the miners, will at least grant concessions resulting in a resumption of mining operations. While hopeful of peace, however, the miners are preparing for war, as is evidenced by the fact that picketing has become general throughout the region. In many cases men on their way to the mines were stopped by the pickets today and compelled to prove that they were exempted in President Mitchell's order suspending work. At Yafayette, near Wilkesbarre, a

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