



MAYOR DISMISSES DETECTIVE FORCE

Summarily Drops Six Men from Service.

SLEUTHS ARE OF NO SERVICE

Mayor Says Department Is as Well Off Without Them.

PATROLMEN TAKE PLACES

Day, Snow, Vaughn, Hartman, Reising and Carpenter Get Walking Papers—To Appeal to Civil Service Commission.

NOTICE TO CAPTAINS. PORTLAND, AUG. 26.—To Captains of Police: Detectives Day, Snow, Vaughn, Hartman, Reising and Carpenter have been dismissed from the police service pending a hearing before the Civil Service Commission.

Six detectives, Day, Snow, Vaughn, Hartman, Reising and Carpenter, the entire detective force of the city, with the exception of one man, Hellyer, were dismissed from office yesterday by Acting Chief Gritzmacher, by order of Mayor Lane, on the charge of inefficiency and incompetence, pending a hearing before the Civil Service Commission.

The inability of the Portland police force to cope with the carnival of burglaries, hold-ups and crimes now rampant in Portland led to the Mayor's summary action. The shake-up is one of the most sweeping in the annals of the Portland Police Department.

The order came as a thunderbolt on the heads of the detectives, who did not have the least intimation that it was impending. The order of dismissal of the six detectives, prominently posted on the bulletin board of the Police Station yesterday, caused no end of comment, and was widely discussed by all men connected with the department.

The following is a copy of the letter sent to each one of the discharged detectives yesterday: "By direction of the Mayor of Portland you are hereby notified that from and after this date your services as detective are no longer required. The grounds for your discharge are incompetence and inefficiency in complying with the rules and orders of the department and failure to give satisfactory service. Your longer connection with the Police Department would be incompatible with good service and against the best interests of the city. Respectfully, C. GRITZMACHER, Acting Chief of Police.

Detectives Inefficient, Says Mayor. "Yes, it is true I ordered the dismissal of the last detective force," said Mayor Lane last night. "My object in doing so was based upon the fact that they do not assist the Police Department, and we are just as well off without them. We did not get any information from them relative to that poolroom, that was raised the other afternoon, and we had to depend upon outside sources for the information. If they are unable to see such a flagrant violation of the law as that, I fail to see the necessity for keeping them around any longer.

"They don't take the initiative in anything, and the only time they have ever been able to accomplish anything was when somebody showed them how to go about it. Under the circumstances I could not see that they were of any further value to the city, and therefore concluded to make a clean sweep.

"Acting Chief of Police Gritzmacher will probably detail plain-clothes men from the regular police force to perform detective duty, and I believe they will do as well as those who have been let out. They certainly cannot do any worse, because the detectives had fished that stage where they were an absolute hindrance to the operations of the department.

"I don't think the Executive Board will take any action in the matter, and in all probability the deposed detectives will make an appeal from the order of dismissal direct to the Civil Service Commission. They are welcome to go to the Supreme Court of the United States, so far as that is concerned, as we are through with them."

"I consulted at length with Chief Gritzmacher and Captain Bruin on the subject, and finally decided we were much better off without the detectives, as we shall save their salaries.

"I know very few of the ones affected by the order. I have dismissed them solely on my own responsibility. I did tell Chief Gritzmacher, however, that if any of the detectives actually showed that they were earning their salaries and that they were contributing something toward the order of the city, to keep them on the force. Inefficiency is the only cause of their discharge."

Gritzmacher and Bruin Indorse Move. Chief Gritzmacher said that both he and Captain of Detectives Bruin talked the matter over with Mayor Lane, and that the latter decided upon this move in order to obtain better results from the police force of the city.

When asked what part he had played in the discharge of the six detectives Captain Bruin admitted that he indorsed the

Mayor's action, as the officers were of no service to the department. "When I came here in November," said Captain Bruin, "I began to keep a record of the work accomplished by the detective force. Here it is," and Captain Bruin took out several bulky packages of slips, on which the daily crimes are reported and began to list them. "Nothing doing," was the mark on a large majority, with an occasional notice that the culprit was caught or the stolen goods found.

"The detectives only did enough to keep them from being dismissed for refusal to obey orders," Bruin continued. "The detectives seemed to be acquainted with every crook in the country," was Captain Bruin's startling statement, "but when a crime occurred not one of these men was able to accomplish anything, except a complaint against any one. Never since I joined the department," he added, "was any one of the detectives in court with a charge against gambling, against saloons or disreputable houses in all parts of the city. Although it is impossible that they did not know of these violators of the law, yet not one took the initiative in filing a complaint against them. If we have to tell them what to do, they are of no use to us. Any patrolman now on the force put in plain clothes will do the same."

Detectives Carpenter and Snow, two of the dismissed members of the police force, are away from the city after prisoners. Carpenter went to Goldfield, Nev., Saturday, to bring Gregory Snyder back, wanted here on a charge of grand larceny. He is expected to return in a few days. Snow went to Canyon City after J. C. McKeefe, who is wanted here on a statutory charge.

Detective Reising Surprised. John F. Reising, one of the deposed detectives, stated to The Oregonian last night that he cannot understand the sudden move on the part of the department. "I was over 12 years in the department, and not once was I even reprimanded by my superiors. I did my duty, and see no reason whatever for this sudden discharge. Will I fight the case? Why shouldn't I when I think I am entitled to the position? Vaughn, another one of the deposed detectives, had nothing to say except that he was amazed at the order of dismissal. Joe Day, who was suspended by Acting Chief Gritzmacher a few days ago, is another sleuth who was finally dismissed yesterday. Lou Hartman, the detective against whom charges were to be preferred in a few days, is the sixth.

Detective Hellyer is the only one left on the detective force with the rank of detective. Officer Hawley is also a regular detective of the police department, but as he is the officer of the Juvenile Court, he is never called upon to do regular city detective work.

Directly following the order of the dismissal of the six detectives, Captain Bruin instructed Patrolmen Tichenor, Alden, Circle, Inskip and Sergeant Jones to report to him for work in plain clothes.

Charter Provides for Appeal. O. L. McPherson, secretary of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, had not heard of the dismissal of the sextet of detectives until informed by The Oregonian. He declined to express any opinion of the subject. He stated, however, that the charter provides for an appeal to the Commission within 10 days after removal. Section 317 says:

No employe in the classified civil service who shall have been appointed under the provisions of this article shall be removed or discharged except for cause, upon written charges of which one copy shall be served upon him and a duplicate filed with the Commission, and the employe shall have, within ten days from his removal, the right to demand a written demand for investigation. The charges shall forthwith be investigated by the Police Commission, or by or before some other officer appointed by the Commission to conduct such investigation. The findings of the Commission, or such officer or board, when approved by the Commission, shall be certified to the appointing officer and shall be forthwith enforced by such officer.

Authority of the Mayor. In causing the removals, the Mayor acted upon the authority granted him by section 153 of the charter, which gives him the power to suspend, pending an official investigation, any officer of the city, except Councilmen, for any official delinquency or willful neglect of duty, or official misconduct. The charter, however, appears to be decidedly opposed to the idea of clothing the Mayor or anybody else, except the Civil Service Commission, with the right to make arbitrary removals.

Auditor Devlin declared last night that the Mayor could suspend officers of the police department, who are under civil service rules, pending an investigation by the police committee of the Executive Board and subsequent hearing before the Civil Service Commissioners, but that there was nothing in the charter vesting him with the right to make direct removals.

YACHT GALILEE DAMAGED. Driven on Breakwater at Yokohama During a Typhoon.

YOKOHAMA, Aug. 26.—The magnetic survey yacht Galilee, which sailed from San Francisco about a year ago in the interests of the Carnegie Institute, was driven on the breakwater here during a typhoon on Aug. 24. She was considerably damaged but has been refloated and docked for repairs. The crew of scientists on board are safe.

FLOODS AT MAZATLAN. Stores Are Swept Away and Many Houses Are Wrecked.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 26.—Mail advices from Mazatlan, Mex., say floods in the mountains did great damage to that city about ten days ago. Many stores were partially and some completely wrecked. Along the beach many houses were swept away. No loss of life is reported.

DECLARES PASTOR RUINED HIS HOME

Rev. Smythe Accuses Rev. F. J. Warren.

DENOUNCES HIM FROM PULPIT

Sensation in Congregational Church at St. Johns.

CONGREGATION IS STUNNED

Preacher Invited to Rostrum Turns on Host and Declares He Stole Love of His Wife—Flock Stands by Its Pastor.

THE ROMANCE AND THE SENSATION. THE ROMANCE—Rev. F. J. Warren, married and the father of three children, the guest of Rev. C. M. Smythe, married and the father of two children, at the home of the latter at Hubbard, Or. Warren, the risk of his own life, gallantly rescued Mrs. Smythe from drowning. The two fell in love. THE RESULT—The sister of Mrs. Smythe tells of the affection that had a heroic origin. Smythe confronts the guilty pair and they admit their love, although declaring they had remained true to their marriage vows and obligations. Warren takes bawling leave and Smythe sends wife to Minneapolis to her father. She returns, but unable to effect reconciliation, and last Monday goes back to old home.

Rev. F. J. Warren, pastor of the St. Johns Congregational Church, was denounced yesterday morning in his own pulpit by Rev. Mr. Smythe, formerly of the Mississippi-Avenue Church, of Portland, as a traitor and despoiler of the home of his fellow minister, Rev. Mr. Smythe had been invited by Pastor Warren to address the congregation, which had assembled for the customary Sunday morning service. Mr. Smythe took advantage of his opportunity to deliver a dramatic and sensational denunciation of his enemy, describing him as a villain and scoundrel of the deepest dye. When Rev. Mr. Smythe had concluded and had taken a seat in the back of the church he broke down, and his sobs could be heard by the entire congregation. Rev. Mr. Warren delivered a few words of prayer and then introduced the visiting pastor. He measured his words and at first spoke very slowly and distinctly and no one present had the slightest inkling of the storm that was about to break.

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"I once had a lovely wife and children. She was innocent and noble and as true a woman as ever was. I loved her. But she has gone from me and I have lost her and all."

When speaking of his wife, his voice was very low and his very tone betokened great sorrow and disappointment. But then came the change and instead of the soft low accents came sharp, decisive sentences, loudly uttered as though the speaker labored under excitement and tense feeling.

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THREE OF SIX DETECTIVES DISMISSED BY MAYOR'S SWEEPING ORDER



Frank Snow, L. G. Carpenter, Joe Day.

could hardly stand upon his feet, he staggered from the pulpit down the aisle, where he practically collapsed in a rear seat. There he remained until the end of the service, his face buried in a handkerchief wet with bitter tears. Insane jealousy, according to those who are in a position to know, led to the sensational scene of yesterday morning. It is no secret that there was a time when Rev. Mr. Warren and Mrs. Smythe were lovers, when the former was visiting at the home of his friend about a year ago, but it is said that everything was broken off between them long ago.



Rev. F. J. Warren.

crushed by the discovery of Mr. Smythe that the affection of his helpmeet had been transplanted to another. Rev. Mr. Smythe, pastor of the Mississippi-Avenue Church four years ago, and who recently has had charge of the Congregational Churches at Hubbard, Aurora and Gervais, entered the church at St. Johns yesterday during the Sunday school service. He went there with the determination deep in his heart to denounce his former friend. He was not known to the congregation but during the singing his clear, resonant tenor voice was heard above the others and many heads were turned to locate its owner.

Pastors Greet Each Other. Rev. Mr. Warren recognized the voice of his former friend and, walking down the aisle to the pew he was occupying, greeted him cordially as though they were the most intimate of friends. He threw his arm earnestly on the shoulder of Rev. Smythe and, as is the custom of the Congregational ministers, invited him to occupy the pulpit. The two walked up the aisle of the church and when they reached the pulpit Rev. Mr. Smythe took a seat. The choir sang sweetly, Rev. Mr. Warren delivered a few words of prayer and then introduced his brother minister.

His face chalk white, the lines of his mouth tense in the effort to remain composed, the visiting pastor began. He measured his words and at first spoke very slowly and distinctly and no one present had the slightest inkling of the storm that was about to break.

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YOUNG GIRL KILLS RUSSIAN GENERAL

Min Had Been Marked for Slaughter.

WIFE SEIZES THE ASSASSIN

Murderess Makes No Attempt to Escape After Deed.

CONFESSES TO THE POLICE

Gen's Personal Adjutant Had Just Greeted His Family on Station Platform at Peterhof, When He Was Shot Down.

SENTENCED BY THE REDS. The death sentence has long hung over the head of General Min, owing to the defavor into which he had fallen because of alleged harsh methods and cruelty. It was General (then Colonel) Min who commanded the Semenovskiy Regiment when the people were shot down near the Technological Institute, in St. Petersburg, October 31, and who, it was said, wanted to set the buildings of the institution on fire and roast the students inside.

Min was sent by the Emperor to suppress the disorders at Saratov after the assassination of Lieutenant-General Sakarof in December last, and when the trouble at the palace was quelled was dispatched at the end of December to Moscow to assist in putting down the uprising there.

April 24 a member of the fighting organization of the revolutionists, disguised as an officer, who had called at Min's residence several times and requested to see him, called the attention of the attaché of the household and was arrested. It developed he was a revolutionist and was armed with a revolver and dagger.

July 18 last it was reported that some of the soldiers of the Semenovskiy Guard at Krasnoyarsk had served notice on General Min that they intended to kill him at the first opportunity for forcing them to murder their fellow-citizens in the Moscow revolt, and that Min, in fear of his life, had fled the camp.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26.—Saturday's unsuccessful attempt on the life of Premier Stolypin, with its sickening, useless slaughter of 22 persons, was followed tonight by another revolutionary outrage, in which General Min, commander of the Semenovskiy Guard Regiment, and who since his promotion to a General has been attached as a personal adjutant to the suite of the Emperor, was killed on the station platform at Peterhof by a young woman who fired five shots into his body from an automatic revolver and then without resistance submitted to arrest.

The capture of the girl was effected by General Min's wife, who held her until the arrival of an officer.

This was the third successive attempt on the life of General Min, who was condemned to death by Terrorists immediately after the Moscow revolt last December, on account of stern repression practiced by a battalion under his command, and especially for the wholesale execution of persons condemned by drum-head court-martial for being caught with arms in their hands.

Seized by Frantic Wife. General Min was returning from his summer residence at Peterhof and had just greeted his wife and daughter on the platform when a young woman—almost a girl—approached from behind and fired two shots into his back and then three more into his body as it sank to the ground. Further shots were prevented by Mme. Min, who threw herself upon the murderer and seized the hand which held the pistol.

The woman did not attempt to escape, but she cautioned Mme. Min not to touch a handbag which she had placed on the

platform before shooting General Min, adding that it contained a bomb.

To the police the girl acknowledged that she had done the deed, saying that she had executed the sentence of the fighting organization of the Social Revolutionists, but she refused to give her name.

Body-Guard Had Been Dismissed. By a remarkable coincidence General Min only last week after the conclusion of the maneuvers at Krasnoyarsk dismissed the bodyguard which had accompanied him since the first attempt was made on his life, saying that the ordinary police of Peterhof would be sufficient to guard him and his villa at Peterhof.

During the Moscow revolt Min, who was then a Colonel, commanded the first battalion of the Semenovskiy Guard, which operated within the city itself. The second battalion of the guard, under the command of Colonel Riman, conducted repressions along the railroad at Kasan, for which Riman was condemned to die. Several attempts were made to execute this sentence, when Riman received an appointment on the staff of General Skalon, Governor of Warsaw, after the bomb outrages at Warsaw, and left two days ago in Poland.

Some of the five wounds would have resulted fatally. Two of them entered the left shoulder and ranged downward, while the others penetrated the chest from the back.

STOLYPIN'S DAUGHTER ALIVE. Injured Son of the Russian Premier Is Reported Better.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26.—The daughter of Premier Stolypin, who was injured by the bomb explosion at the Premier's summer home Saturday and who was erroneously reported to have died, is still alive and passed a quiet night under the effects of an opiate. The Premier's son, who also was hurt, is better today.

The telegram sent by Emperor Nicholas to M. Stolypin, after the explosion, was as follows: "I cannot find words to express my indignation. I hope with all my heart that the health of your son and daughter will soon be restored and likewise that of the other persons injured."

RAILWAY GIANTS STRIP FOR FRAY

Control of the St. Paul Road Is the Prize.

MANY MILLIONS ARE AT STAKE

Canadian Pacific Takes Hand in the Game.

MORGAN IS WITH HILL

Harriman Has Support of Sir William Van Horne and Others, Whose Corns Great Northern Magnate Has Trodden.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—A special to the Tribune from New York says: A financial battle, worth \$25,000,000 in cash and the control of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway system is on between J. Pierpont Morgan and E. H. Harriman.

In the battle are involved twice as many millions of dollars and three times as many thousands of miles of railroads as were represented in the famous fight for possession of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, which resulted in the memorable Northern Pacific corner, when the price of that stock was rushed up to \$1000 a share and a panic in Wall street followed.

The opposing forces consist of J. P. Morgan, James J. Hill, and their friends, foreign capitalists, on one side, and E. H. Harriman, practical owner of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific roads, with Sir William Van Horne, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, an controller of the vast Canadian Pacific system, with their friends, on the other. Remaining neutral for the time being, but inclined to throw their weight to Harriman, are James H. Smith and William Rockefeller, as principal stockholders in the St. Paul.

Coast Is Vitaly Interested. On the outcome of the war depends whether the St. Paul road is to be extended to the coast, for which purpose a \$5,000,000 new stock issue was voted, in a northernly direction, and so seriously injure the traffic of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems, or, southwardly, to impair the future profits of the Union and Southern Pacific.

Early this summer there was a mysterious bunching of three Pacific Coast lines stock. Before Harriman or Hill could discover who were the purchasers, the Canadian Pacific had obtained a sufficient interest in the road to wield the balance of power.

Hill Rejects Overtures. Then the Canadians made overtures to Hill for joint control of all advantages the line offered in connection with the trade of the coast. Hill indignantly repulsed them, and made his memorable threat to build into the Canadian Pacific's territory. The latter turned to Harriman, but Harriman was not impressed with the value of any alliance with the Canadians. So the latter fell back on the St. Paul interests, with which they made an alliance.

Scarcely had that been accomplished before Harriman's eyes had been opened. Immediately he started to repair his error by the purchase of St. Paul stock, and soon had acquired a sufficient interest in that road to be able to make a demonstration against the Smith-Rockefeller interests.

That, it is believed, inclined the latter to look more favorably upon the Pacific Coast trade. Then the control of the remainder of the floating stock of the St. Paul depends on which side they wish their weight ultimately.

DROPS A BOMB NEAR PALACE

GIRL LOSES HER HAND FROM THE EXPLOSION.

Supposed to Have Been on Her Way to Attempt Assassination of General Kaubar.

ODESSA, Aug. 26.—Late Saturday afternoon a girl dropped a bomb in the Nicholas boulevard, 50 paces from the Palace of Governor Kaubar. There was a deafening detonation and a wild stampede of the promenade. No one was injured except the girl who dropped the bomb. Her hand was shattered and she was taken to hospital to repair her wound.

It is supposed the bomb accidentally fell from her hand before she reached the entrance to the palace. She and another girl and a university student, who was accompanying them, were arrested.

READY FOR TRIAL SPIN. Wellman Will Test His Machine in Spitzbergen.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Daily Mail's Christiania correspondent says that a steamer from Spitzbergen brings a report that the Wellman-Chicago Record-Herald North Pole expedition's sled and balloon were finished last week, and that Mr. Wellman intends shortly to make a trial trip.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26.—A commission, consisting of representatives of the Ministries of Finance, Foreign Affairs, Interior, War, Marine and Agriculture, has been appointed to consider whether the free importation of foreign goods into the Province of Amur shall be continued or if the tariff obtaining prior to May 1, 1904, shall be enforced.

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