

COUNT AND PRINCE FIGHT ON STREET

Anna Gould's Ex-Husband in New Role.

SPITS ON PRINCE DE SAGAN

Both Roll in Gutter Till Butcher Interferes.

BONI HELPED BY BROTHER

Quarrel Causes Sensational Scene on Paris Street—Prince Sutor for Anna Gould's Hand, but She Is Not Involved.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Count Boni de Castellane, from whom his wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York, was recently divorced, and Prince Helle de Sagan, who on several occasions was reported to be engaged to Madame Gould, had a personal encounter today at the church of St. Pierre de Chailot, while a service to the memory of Lady Stanley Errington, a relative of both men, who died lately in England, was in progress.

The Associated Press representative in his bedroom, could only account for what he termed a brutal and deliberate attack by Count Boni and Count Jean de Castellane on the theory that Boni was a madman. He therefore could not appeal to the court, he said, but would let the case take its course in the criminal court. He declared that the attack was entirely unprovoked. He was sitting in another part of the church far from Count Boni, and when he left, as the service was concluded, Boni and his brother followed him out. As he reached the steps of the church he was seized by the shoulder and, wheeling around, he found himself face to face with Count Boni, who uttered the words: "This is a Christmas present, my child," and spat toward him.

When they closed, after the first exchange of blows, his feet caught in his long, heavy overcoat. He tripped and fell on the curb, and it was then that Count Boni and his brother pounced upon him, kicking him and beating him with their canes. As it was evidently a concerted attack upon him, he lodged a complaint.

Did Not Object to Visits to Anna.

To prove the animosity of the Castellanes against him, he declared that even the Marquis de Castellane, Count Boni's



Count Boni de Castellane, Who Had Fight With Prince de Sagan on Paris Street.

father, who followed the party to the police station, said in the presence of all:

"I wish I had been there, too, so I could have hit you. I regretted the incident principally because the name of Madame Gould had been dragged into it."

"If the Count de Castellane's attack on me was caused by my visits to Madame Gould," he said, "it seems strange that he objects to these visits now, when he did not object before he was divorced."

The Prince said emphatically that he was not engaged to Madame Gould. He said that he would willingly fight a duel if there was honorable provocation. He incidentally mentioned his proficiency as a swordsman, but under the circumstances he intended to allow the law to take its course. While there had been an estrangement between himself and Count Boni, he said, he had no reason to anticipate today's attack.

"If Boni desired to get me out of the way," he continued, "in order to effect a reconciliation with Anna, this is his affair, not mine."

The affair has created a great sensation in Paris on account of the notoriety and high family connections of the parties concerned, and especially on account of Boni's prominence as an anti-Republican and an opponent of the republic.

Prince Helle de Sagan is a grandson of the famous Duke, who for years set the fashion in Paris and concerning whom a hundred droll stories have been told. He is a brother of the Duke de Dino and has figured extensively in public life. A few years ago he attained notoriety by slapping Maitre Barbois during the trial of a damage suit by a prominent society leader because the latter was seeking to marry Madame Gould. It is stated that it was only recently that Count Boni abandoned hope of reconciliation with his former wife.

Prince Is Wooing Anna.

According to current gossip in Paris, Count Boni and the entire Castellane family are now convinced that Prince Helle de Sagan, despite the opposition of the Gould family, is seeking to marry Madame Gould. It is stated that it was only recently that Count Boni abandoned hope of reconciliation with his former wife.

MYSTERY ABOUT SUICIDE

BANKER SHOTS HIMSELF AFTER FAMILY COUNCIL

Charles Becker, Wealthy Illinoisan, Found With Revolver Beside Him—Evidence Is Suppressed.

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Jan. 2.—Charles Becker, 57 years old, formerly State Treasurer of Illinois committed suicide at his home today by shooting himself in the mouth. The suicide followed a family conference attended by three of his four children.

Becker's first wife died two years ago. Last June he was married to Mrs. Frank Espenham. It is said that the family conference was held today to discuss the disposition of Becker's estate as a result of his second marriage. Mrs. Becker was visiting friends in St. Louis at the time of the conference.

Mrs. Bertha Orr, of Chicago, wife of the ex-minister to Venezuela, Claire Orr, one of the children present, found Becker's body on the floor of his bedroom with a revolver at his side. The other children present were Arthur Becker, a furniture dealer of Little Rock, Ark., and Gustave Becker, of Belleville. The oldest son, Casimir Becker, of Osceola, Iowa, was not able to spend the holidays with his father. Coroner Irwin gave a verdict of suicide after taking the testimony of members of the family, but he declined to make public the testimony.

Becker was a director in the First National Bank of Belleville and in the Belleville Stove & Range Company. He was worth about \$500,000. He was born in Germany and served throughout the Civil War as a volunteer.

FEELING AGAINST JAPANESE BITTER

Vancouver Aroused by New Year Attack.

SITUATION GROWS SERIOUS

Riot and Bloodshed Feared Should Firemen Die.

ORIENTALS ALL GO ARMED

Two Thousand Foreigners Ready to Make Trouble at Slightest Provocation—Authorities Are Said to Fear the Japanese.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—While at no stage did the fight between the three city firemen and the Japanese at 2 o'clock New Year's morning reach anything like the dimensions of the September riots, the incident has revived the bitterest feeling. After all the explanations and apologies that have been made, both civic and governmental citizens of Vancouver did not believe it possible that an attack such as occurred could be made.

All three victims are still alive, though at least two are disfigured for life. Young Frost, a fine-looking athlete, had his nose sliced off by one of the sword-like knives of the Japanese. The other men, though fearfully injured, are recovering. McDonald was removed to his home, while Anderson is still in the hospital with Frost.

Knifed Blades Fill the Air.

These three men, all Canadians, and for half their lives residents of Vancouver, were the only white participants in the riot. They had been attending a dance in the East End and were returning to No. 1 fire station when the trouble occurred. One of the three was undoubtedly the worst for liquor, the other two perfectly sober. Frost jocularly pushed McDonald against the glass front of the Japanese store and then the trouble started.

"There were knife blades flashing everywhere in the dark," said McDonald today, in telling of the fight. "It was no fault of the Japanese that we were all murdered. They tried to kill us, for we were only three against a score and they knew very well that we were not armed. We simply fought back with our fists, with the blood spattering around until we were blinded."

Nose Cut Off When Down.

Frost was first knocked to the ground, and it was while he was helpless that the Japs carved up his face. It was merely

an accident that they did not cut off his head, for they tried hard enough. I broke free finally and ran toward the alley which ends at the police station. There I met a sergeant and two officers, and we went back.

"The Japs did not try to justify their presence or their fighting with knives. They fled like highwaymen and, as everyone knows, the men marked with bloody shirts were pulled out of their beds later and arrested."

Only four Japanese have so far been arrested, and all are held on charges of attempted murder.

Armed Camp of Japanese.

The most serious feature in the popular view is that the Japanese section is practically an armed camp against the whites of Vancouver. Two thousand men live together there, ready to murder any



Cecelia Loftus, the Actress, May Die of Operation for Appendicitis.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Cecelia Loftus, the actress, has been in a serious condition in a private hospital as a result of an operation for appendicitis, performed yesterday, but was better today.

Miss Loftus recently played a leading part in the unsuccessful "The Lancers" and it was a long tour in one-night stands in New England that undermined her health.

one who makes the slightest disturbance. The present instance is regarded as particularly flagrant, because the young men were in uniform, with firemen's caps, and for all they knew the Japs might have been assaulting policemen.

The trouble is simply being forced home to the entire city that the Japanese here are barbarians enough to murder on the slightest provocation. Vancouver has been a little ashamed of herself since the night of the September riot, but the frightful attack of New Year's morning is just now being regarded in some quarters as showing complete justification.

Authorities Fear Murder.

There is not any particular danger of another big riot in Vancouver except for just one thing. That one event is a murder. That is what the authorities are afraid of today.

In the Police Court today H. Nakashei, K. Taniguti and M. Tanovye, Japanese, appeared on a charge of attempted murder. The accused were remanded to jail, until they were released.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 2.—The Dominion government has not been officially advised of the riot at Vancouver. The Min-

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TAFT MEN RULE OHIO COMMITTEE

Call Direct Primary on Presidency.

BEAT FORAKER ON EVERY VOTE

Convention Will Choose National Delegates.

GARFIELD FOR CHAIRMAN

Foraker Vainly Fights Direct Primary and Holds Out for Election by County Conventions—Is Beaten Two to One.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—The Republicans of Ohio will be given an opportunity to express by direct vote their choice for the party's candidate for President at primaries to be held on February 11, when delegates and alternates to the Republican state convention will be elected. The convention will be held in Columbus on March 3 and 4 and it will select, in addition to the four delegates-at-large to the Republican National convention, candidates for Governor and other state officers.

The call for the primaries and convention was adopted this evening by the Republican State Central Committee after a protracted and lively session. The friends of William H. Taft, Secretary of War and candidate for the Republican nomination for President, were in control of the committee, casting 14 votes to 7 for the supporters of Senator Foraker, also an avowed candidate for the Presidency.

Taft Men Stand Solid.

The vote stood 14 to 7 on every proposition which required a roll-call except the selection of a temporary chairman of the state convention. James R. Garfield, Secretary of the Interior, the choice of the Taft supporters, received 13 votes to eight cast for Harry M. Daugherty, of Columbus, Richard McCloud, of London, a close personal friend of Mr. Daugherty, but a Taft supporter, voted for him as against Mr. Garfield.

The state committee decided that it had nothing to do with the selection of National delegates in the Congressional districts and declined to make any suggestion in regard thereto.

The committee met early in the afternoon, and after a short session appointed a subcommittee to draft a call for the primaries and convention. This committee called on Governor Harris during the recess to consult his wishes regarding the call. A committee representing the supporters of Mr. Foraker also called on the Governor and asked him to permit his name to be presented for chairman of the

state convention, but the Governor declined. The call reported by the subcommittee and adopted by the general committee by a vote of 14 to 7 is one of the most elaborate ever issued by a state committee.

Several amendments to the call were proposed by the friends of Mr. Foraker, but in each case they were voted down. The chief fight was made against the direct primary plan for the selection of delegates to the state convention. They proposed that delegates to county conventions be chosen by direct vote, the county convention to choose the delegates to the state convention.

The call as adopted provides for a total of 135 delegates to the state convention. The Australian ballot is to be used in the primary. If petition is made, the names of the candidates for delegates may be printed under the name of the person who may be their choice for Presidential candidate. The unit rule in the election of delegates will be observed in all except Cuyahoga and Hamilton Counties, which may be divided into districts. Provision is made for challengers at the polls, which will be open from 1 to 7 P. M., February 11.

Dick on Guard for Foraker.

Senator Charles Dick was here to look



Arthur L. Vorys, Manager of Secretary Taft's Campaign.

after the interests of his colleague, Mr. Foraker, but he remained at his room in the Hotel Hartman and did not go to the Neal House, where the committee held its sessions. Mr. Dick received many callers, but had no communication, so far as could be ascertained, with Arthur Vorys, manager of the Taft canvass, regarding the convention preliminaries, and no efforts at compromise were made on either side, although rumors to that effect were in circulation.

After the state committee had concluded its work Mr. Dick declined to make any comment upon it, either in regard to the dates set for the primaries or convention or the regulations adopted for conducting the primaries. Mr. Vorys

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NO DOUBT SUIT WILL RESULT

Ownership of Southern by Union Pacific Illegal.

BREAK STEAMER COMBINE

Both Features of Merger Held to Be Restraint of Trade—Proceedings Will Begin Probably in the Far West.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—"Within a week or 10 days the Department of Justice will issue a statement regarding the ownership by the Union Pacific of stock of the Southern Pacific," said Attorney-General Bonaparte. "It had been contemplated to issue the statement earlier, but the absence in Europe of special counsel employed by the Government has caused the delay."

While the Attorney-General will not admit at this time that the statement will be the announcement of proceedings against the Union Pacific for violation of the law prohibiting restraint of trade, there is excellent authority for the statement that it will be. The Department of Justice, according to one of its high officials, has reached the conclusion arrived at by the Interstate Commerce Commission that the control which the Union Pacific has obtained over the Southern Pacific by the purchase of stock is in violation of the law and amounts in substance to the merging of two competing railroads.

Not only will the Government proceed for a dissolution of the merger and a restoration of the competition which prevailed before the Union Pacific bought Southern Pacific stock, but the courts will be asked, it is stated by an official of the Department, to break up the combine under which the two railroads are alleged to operate their steamships.

It developed that the suit may be instituted further West than Kansas City or Omaha. It will be brought at the point where it is found the papers, books and other records required as evidence can be assembled with the least delay and trouble.

NIGHT RIDERS FIRE A TOWN

BURNS A TOBACCO WAREHOUSE IN RUSSELLVILLE.

Shots Fired and Two Men Wounded. Raiders Number 75 and Wear Masks.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 3.—A long-distance telephone message to the American from Russellville, Ky., says that night riders visited that town at 12:45 o'clock this (Friday) morning. The tobacco warehouse of H. G. Work & Company and the American Smear Company were dynamited and burned. The planing-mill of Roberts & Brown and three other smaller houses were more or less damaged.

Many shots were fired and it is reported that two men, one of them a commercial traveler, were wounded, but this is not confirmed. There were between 50 and 75 masked men in the party and they were in Russellville about an hour. The Louisville & Nashville depot was threatened by the flames, but escaped. The attack was unexpected.

Russellville is a town of about 4000 inhabitants and it is the county seat of Logan County, which borders on the Tennessee line. It is in the heart of the dark tobacco district and but one county, Todd County, separates it from Christian and Trigg counties, the scene of the recent depredations in and around Hopkinsville. Further details were not obtainable at 3 o'clock this morning.

PLOT TO KILL OLD CZARINA

Conspirators so Sure They Issued Invitations to Funeral.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—The police have arrested 19 persons, accused of conspiracy to murder the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna upon her return from abroad, three weeks ago. According to the police, the plot was of an ingenious nature, and the conspirators were so certain of success that they inserted an announcement in the death column of the Novoe Vremya of December 11, concerning "Marie Feodorovna Romanova," inviting friends to attend a requiem mass at a fictitious monastery. The whole affair, however, is veiled in secrecy.

Greene Fined for Contempt.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. Colonel W. C. Greene, president of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company, and his fellow directors and officers, were directed by Judge Gleason in the Supreme Court today to pay a fine of \$50 for contempt of court in failing to appear for examination as ordered by the court.



Has the Great Pleasure to Assure the Honorable President that He Deems the Presence of the Fleet in the Pacific as a Mark of Confidence.

Makes a Sketch of the Honorable City of Portland's Water System. N. B.—If You Don't Believe It, Address H. L., City Hall.

Carves Up a Few of the Honorable Ally's Subjects but Hopes the Honorable Ally Will Not Permit a Manifest Pleasantry to Disturb Their Amity.

Requests the Honorable Mars to Have the Very Much Goodness to Furnish Him a Full Line of Cruisers, War Balloons, Bombs, Nitro Glycerine, Etc.