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PLOT TO ASSASSINATE THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN DISCOVERED

Conspirators Are Seized In Time to Save Ruler From Harm.

REPORTED THAT THEY WILL BE EXECUTED.

First Time Life of Mikado Was Plotted Against By His Own Subjects.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, Sept. 21.—Sensation publication to-day of the alleged details of a plot among his own subjects to assassinate Emperor Mutsuhito is made. A startling story which appeared in an afternoon paper states that the plotters are under arrest and will be sentenced to death. This is the first time in the history of the country that the life of the Emperor was plotted against by his own people and the facts made known. It is alleged the assassins planned to accomplish their end while the Emperor was visiting the military school just outside the capital. The plot was discovered in time to protect His Majesty and the plotters were seized at once.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL

Prisoners at Roseburg Try to Saw the Bars But Are Caught.

Sheriff Fenton of Douglas county prevented a jail delivery in that city by discovering the attempt before the prisoners had succeeded in getting out. The Roseburg Review gives the following story regarding the incident:

The ever watchful care and vigilance of Sheriff Fenton prevented a break from the county jail in Roseburg early last Saturday morning. Had the attempted escape been successful, at least three of the eight prisoners in the jail would now be at large. These are S. M. Reynolds, the Pullman car porter, accused of a statutory crime; Clarke Martin, accused forger, and F. M. McDonald, the alleged ambler from Glendale.

Sheriff Fenton credits these three men with being the leaders in the plot to effect delivery. He has no proof, he admits, as to the identity of the outsiders who furnished the necessary tools which were used by the prisoners in trying to cut their way to freedom, but he is filled in this regard with the same strong suspicions that actuated him in the frustration of the plot. He says that later on he may make an arrest in connection with the affair.

What gave rise to his suspicions, Sheriff Fenton does not say. They must have been equivalent to absolute evidence, however, for he has been keeping all-night vigils in the vicinity of the jail in anticipation of an attempted escape. At the unassuming hour of 2 o'clock last Saturday morning he detected the unmistakable sound of sawing on iron bars in the jail. Making an investigation of the interior of the jail later on, he found secreted in an air hole in one of the rear walls eighteen 3-inch steel saws, some knives and an iron bar. The prisoners refused to talk when questioned by the sheriff, further than to admit that the saws were delivered to them through the barred windows. Martin and McDonald have been assigned to separate cells and will hereafter be kept locked inside the cages. Lawbreakers generally find that Sheriff Fenton is a mighty close observer at all hours, whether day or night.

FOR THE QUEEN OF THE DAY, SEE EASTSIDE.

LIVELY TIMES OVER RUMORS

Mayor Straw Raps Critics of City Work—Hall Avenue Paving Criticised.

Further rumors of "graft" and "unfairness" were brought up before the city council last evening but they were summarily dismissed by Mayor E. E. Straw. Councilman Albrecht reported that W. P. Murphy and F. S. Dow had reported certain alleged deviations in the west main sewer to him and that he thought they ought to be looked into. Mayor Straw immediately hit the alleged places and informed Councilman Albrecht that W. P. Murphy and F. S. Dow could go to—well, it doesn't look well in print. In giving expression to his sentiments, Mayor Straw couched it in such caustic language as he could muster and on such occasions he has a most elaborate vocabulary. He said this had been threatened over at a previous council meeting and that F. S. Dow's intimations had been proven to be without foundation. The matter came up at the close of the session and brought out many caustic comments.

Paving Said to Be Bad.

The Hall avenue paving came up for a brief discussion last night. It first came up in the usual allowances for the contractors on the work they had done, Councilman Coke asking that any payments to Contractors Whitmore and Morrissey be withheld until the paving could be looked into.

Councilman Powers said he had heard criticism of the work and said that it was perhaps due to difficulty in getting workmen. He said that some of the paving top varied in thickness from an inch and three-quarters to two and a quarter inches. Councilman Coke said that it had been reported to him that some of it was only an inch thick.

Later James Baines criticised the work severely, saying it was a poor job and the people should not have to pay for it.

Then it developed that Inspector Lawhorne and Contractor Whitmore and Morrissey had been clashing on it and that Mr. Lawhorne had left the job in disgust yesterday. Mayor Straw said that Mr. Lawhorne informed him that the contractors would not comply with his instructions relative to complying with the specifications and that Mr. Lawhorne would not approve the acceptance of the street.

Engineer Sandberg said that the inspector could only tell the contractors how the work should be done, but could not compel them to do it, that being up to the council when it came to accepting the street.

The matter will probably be threshed out more fully at the next meeting.

New Lighting Plan.

Councilman Albrecht reported that an endeavor was being made to have the city take over the street lamp post lighting system. He said that two or three plans had been suggested. One was that the city take them all over, paying for posts and lighting, but he feared the city's finances would not stand this. Another was to impose a city business tax to raise funds to defray the cost of the extra lighting, and the other was for the city to abolish the arc lights in the sections where the posts are being installed and contribute what it pays for the arcs towards the cost of maintaining the posts. Councilman Powers said that he thought a business tax would be hitting many of the merchants too hard and others pointed out that it would be unfair. Finally it was decided that wherever ten posts were installed in a block, the city would take away the arc and pay \$7.00 per month towards the maintenance of the posts. This will leave \$2.00 per month for the private (Continued on page 4.)

LET US TALK IT OVER

ON NEXT SATURDAY the voters of Coos county go to the polls to render a verdict in one of the most important elections of recent years. Whether the people are competent to rule and run their own government or whether they shall delegate it to a set of bosses in Portland with sub-bosses in every county in the State is the real issue before the electorate of Oregon and Coos county. No matter how they may deny and attempt to deceive, obscure and confuse the voters the real purpose of the Assembly is to return to the old convention system whereby the people delegate to a set of self-constituted bosses and corporations the right to run the people's government.

The theory of our form of government is that all power and authority originate with the people, and that the members of the State Legislature and Congress at Washington are directly representative of the people, who are their constituents. There was a time in the early history of this nation when this was true, but with the development of the party spirit, and later the commercial instinct, the people fell into the habit of overlooking the deeper considerations and voting for candidates solely because those candidates represented a particular party, a fact which the business interests quickly recognized and quietly controlled.

The particular influence which, perhaps, more than all else has contributed to political corruption, has been the convention system. Aside from legislative lobbies, there is no other institution with which we are familiar in this country which is so subject to all the machinations of manipulation as State and national conventions. And these bodies, not only in Oregon, but all over the nation have for a half century been in no sense representative of the wishes or the sentiments of the whole people. So flagrant did this violation of the people's rights become that the people of Oregon arose in their might and wiped out the whole corrupt practice.

Now come the bosses and seek to re-establish this corrupt system under the name of the Assembly and the specious plea of party organization.

The Times is a Republican newspaper. Its editor is a Republican because he believes the principles and policies of the Republican party make for the progress and prosperity of the nation. It is because of his earnest and sincere belief in these principles that he has opposed the Assembly plan. The Times believes in party organization, but not in the methods that seek to nullify and violate the laws of the State. The editor of the Times believes that the true function of a newspaper is that of service to its community. This paper ever since it has been under its present management has been impelled by the motive of building up Coos Bay, Coos county, Oregon, and a better citizenship for the whole nation. It is Republican, but all the more Republican because independent in its Republicanism and not the organ of any political interest.

The people years ago outgrew the party organ and the leading journals of the country are independent in the expression of their political views. The most notable recent accession to papers of this class is the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, owned and controlled by Senator Wilson, who was a recent standpat candidate for Senator from Washington but who withdrew before the election. Immediately after the election Senator Wilson's paper made the following announcement:

"The Post-Intelligencer from this day forward will be an independent Republican newspaper, and its columns will be devoted to the moral, the material, the social, the esthetic upbuilding of Seattle, King county and the State of Washington.

"Politics will be treated in this newspaper only in so far as it concerns the specific aim and purposes herein stated.

"The Post-Intelligencer will not stand pat for a Republican candidate merely because he is a Republican.

"The stern logic of events has made it plain that the people of to-day look to a newspaper for broader leadership than the old party organ could afford, and this demand for independence of thought and opinion on the part of the newspapers is too insistent, too strong, too just, to be ignored.

"In politics as in other things the manners and the methods of the day change, and we must change with them."

The Post-Intelligencer's act forms a new recognition of the fact that politics in the United States will hereafter be more a practice of good citizenship and newspapers the servants of this new citizenship. The Times hopes to see the people and particularly the Republican voters of Coos county place themselves in line with the progressive movement that is sweeping the country and vote against the reactionary movement of the Assembly next Saturday.

DECIDES IN RATE CASE

Special Master Files His Findings in United States Circuit Court.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 21.—Filing his findings in the Minnesota commodity freight and two-cent passenger rate case to-day in the United States Circuit Court, Special Master-in-Chancery Charles E. Otis held that those rates were unconstitutional and confiscatory.

G. A. R. IN REVIEW.

Old Soldiers Hold Gathering at Atlantic City.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 21.—Once again the "Boys in Blue" have passed in review of their commander-in-chief. With steps not so springing as they once were, but with the same old spirit, they marched the broad avenues of this city by the sea, and were acclaimed by a great crowd of people who came to see the big feature of the forty-fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Ideal September weather favored the old soldiers. Phone I. S. Kaufman & Co. your Coal Order. \$4.50 PER TON.

CHOOSE LIFE OR DEATH

"The Power of This Choice Is Given to Man," Says Mr. Lyon.

(By Rev. G. LeRoy Hall.) TABERNACLE PROGRAM. TO-NIGHT. 7.45, "Not Far From the Kingdom." THURSDAY. Mid-Week Sabbath. 9 A. M., Neighborhood Meetings; Men's Prayer Meeting. 10 A. M., Services in Methodist and Baptist Churches. 3 P. M., Afternoon Meeting. "The Classes at the Cross." 7.45 P. M., Thanksgiving Service.

Mr. Lyon spoke last night at the Tabernacle on "The Power of a Choice." This evangelist's message is always to the point. He is winning a large place in the hearts of the public in Marshfield. Mr. Lyon preaches in the evening and teaches in the afternoon. Those who hear his afternoon expositions are unanimous in words of appreciation. (Continued on page 4.)

BALLINGER SAYS HE WILL NOT RESIGN HIS OFFICE

CONGRESS TO REAPPORTION

Important Work to Be Decided Upon at the Coming Session.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—One of the first questions with which the approaching session of Congress will be called upon to grapple will be to determine when the next apportionment of members of the House of Representatives under the recent census shall be made.

While it is not actually required by the constitution that instrument implies that a reapportionment shall follow each decennial enumeration of the people, and accordingly a redistribution of seats in the House membership has taken place hitherto soon after the conclusion of each census.

It rests with the coming session as to whether the reapportionment shall be made by the short session of the current Congress or the first session of the next Congress.

The size of the House once determined, the representation of each State is arrived at by dividing the aggregate population of the country by the total membership of the House and then dividing the population of any given State by the quotient thus obtained. Almost inevitably there ensues upon each of such divisions a remainder, large or small. Aside from arbitrarily fixing the representation on the voting rather than the actual population, this remainder, or fraction, affords the only base of manipulation of the apportionment of members.

A loss of membership would be by so means a new experience to many of the States.

The first apportionment made by the constitution itself provided for one member to every 30,000 inhabitants, with the result that at its first session the House contained only 65 members.

After each census there were changes in the ratio. The census of 1900 resulted in 356 members and a ratio of 193,167.

The old leaders of the House are anxious to keep the size of the House down and few of them will admit the possibility of an enlargement to beyond 400 or 410 at the utmost.

The question of the disfranchisement of the negro vote in the Southern States will receive attention in connection with the question of apportionment. The House is even now on record in favor of an inquiry into this subject.

JURY FINDS NOTHING NEW

Statement of Shepperd Girl That She Killed Her Father Is Not Considered.

(By Associated Press.) NEWKIRK, Okla., Sept. 21.—The Coroner's Jury in the case of the murder of J. W. Shepperd and his brother, Taylor Shepperd, returned a verdict that they were murdered by persons unknown. Walter Cassidy, a young man held in connection with the crime, was exonerated and released. The jury did not consider the statement of Ebby Shepperd, daughter of J. W. Shepperd, who said she killed her father.

HELLO, BILL!

Elks' meeting Wednesday evening, Sept. 21st. Don't forget. GEO. GOODRUM, Sec'y.

States That He Never Had Any Idea of Doing So.

DOES NOT THINK HE EVER WILL.

Secretary Is To-Day Guest of Chamber of Commerce at Denver.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 21.—"How about the reports of your resigning when you reach Washington?" Secretary of Interior Ballinger was asked to-day. "All buncomb," answered the Secretary. "I have no intention of resigning and I do not think I will have any." The Secretary this afternoon is the guest of the Chamber of Commerce.

REFUSES TO TALK POLITICS

President Taft Makes Visit to Cincinnati a Home Coming.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 21.—President Taft has so far declined to discuss politics and also to discuss his meeting with Roosevelt at New Haven. Although the President's visit has been emphasized as a "home coming" he will not escape politics entirely. The Ohio situation especially is being explained to him by several party leaders.

CRIPPEN AND WOMAN HELD

Defense Was Not Made in Police Court But Is Reserved.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 21.—At the close of the police court proceedings to-day Dr. Crippen and Miss Leneve were committed for trial, charged with the murder of the doctor's wife, Belle Elmore. Solicitor Newton reserved his defense for the trial proper.

SAILS TODAY FOR THE SOUTH

Steamer M. F. Plant Leaves Coos Bay To-Day For San Francisco.

The steamer M. F. Plant sailed for San Francisco at 11 o'clock this morning carrying freight and passengers. Those who left for San Francisco were the following:

R. R. Porter, Mrs. Porter, Frank Frederickson, Mrs. Anna Frederickson, F. E. Wilson, Mrs. F. E. Wilson, Wm. Dunn, Mrs. Wm. Dunn, R. M. Baker, John Judson, D. J. Scully, E. Alex. Solex, Chas. S. Darling, E. C. Cortelyou, W. W. Wilcox, Mrs. T. J. Macgenn, E. Slagle, J. M. Davis, Miss A. Johannsen, Mate Baccalle.

MISS FAYE BRIDGES, teacher of PIANO-FORTE, wishes to announce the opening of her Fall class. Studio, Lloyd Hotel.