

JAPS RENEW THE ATTACK ON THE PORT

Reports From Shanghai and Yokohama Say That General Assault Is Now in Progress.

Story of the Wounding of General Kuropatkin Is Not Yet Reliably Confirmed.

THE KOREA ARRIVES SAFELY

San Francisco Vessel for Which Concern Was Felt Has Reached Yokohama With General Cargo.

London, July 28.—Special dispatches from Shanghai and Yokohama report that a general attack on Port Arthur has been begun.

The report that General Kuropatkin was wounded, which is appearing in various quarters, seems to have originated at Tien Tsin, but is not confirmed from any reliable source.

The Times correspondent at Tokio says it appears to be clearly proved that the Russians in Manchuria are using the dum-dum bullets.

KOREA ARRIVES SAFELY.

San Francisco Steamship Reported to Have Reached Japan.

Tokio, July 28.—The Pacific Mail Company's steamer Korea, which it was rumored was captured by the Russian Vladivostok squadron, has arrived safely. The Korea sailed from San Francisco for Yokohama July 12. She has a general cargo.

RUSSIA DESIRES PEACE.

Has Assured Great Britain of Her Friendly Inclinations.

London, July 28.—Russia, through her representatives, has assured Great Britain of her desire to maintain peaceful relations between the two countries, and if any wrongs have been committed by her vessels in the seizure of British shipping she is ready and willing to make proper reparation.

Russia has asked for time in the matter of the sinking of the Knight Commander, pending an explanation of affairs from the commander of the Vladivostok squadron.

CALCHAS PROBABLY SAFE.

Yokohama Agents Know Nothing of the Reported Seizure.

London, July 28.—The owners of the British ship Calchas, reported captured by the Russians, have received a telegram from the agents at Yokohama, saying:

"We have no further information to report. The Calchas' seizure is very doubtful."

According to a dispatch from Liverpool, July 28, the owners of the Calchas, bound from Puget sound for Japan, had received a telegram from Hongkong reporting that the Calchas was seized by the Vladivostok squadron.

BRITISH PROTEST IS FILED.

Russia Will Not Reply Until She Is Further Informed.

St. Petersburg, July 28.—Russia has formally received the protest of Great Britain regarding the sinking of the Knight Commander. The protest declares the act contrary to the law of nations and asks that instructions be

sent to the Russian commanders to prevent a recurrence. Russia has not made formal reply, but doubtless will do so as soon as full details of the seizure have been obtained.

ACUTE STAGE HAS PASSED.

British Premier Says No Warships May Leave Black Sea.

London, July 28.—In the house of commons this afternoon, Premier Balfour, confirming the announcements made in these dispatches, said the acute stage of the Red sea incidents had passed, and that Russian volunteer fleet vessels would be withdrawn. He laid down the British view that no belligerent warship could issue from the Black sea, and that the volunteer fleet vessels in issuing therefrom, if they took belligerent action, either had no right to issue or take such action.

The strongest possible exception had been taken to the seizure of the Malacca on the above ground, the premier added. The Russian government had met the British contention in regard to this particular incident. As to the Knight Commander case, the government had earnestly and persistently protested that the sinking of that vessel was contrary to the accepted practice of nations.

Mr. Balfour assumed a serious tone, as he referred to the Knight Commander.

"There are, I am sorry to say," said the premier, "other questions not connected with these incidents at all which must cause some discussion between the two governments, and like all discussions between governments, there may be legitimate cause for anxiety. We hold that it is not proper that on the authority of a captain of a cruiser merchant should be taken from a merchant ship without trial."

This statement of the premier was greeted with an outburst of cheers.

GRAVE TAMPERED WITH.

Body of Murdered Woman Said to Have Been Removed.

Grant's Pass, Ore., July 28.—Discovery has been made that the grave of Florence Wells, the woman who was murdered in this city two weeks ago, has been tampered with, and while an official investigation has not yet been made, it is reported that the body of the murdered woman has been removed.

Florence Wells was buried in the potter's field of the Granite Hill cemetery, near here. The county had occasion to bury another person in the potter's field, and the two grave diggers who were detailed to dig the grave selected a lot adjoining that of the murdered woman. It was then they discovered the woman's grave had been tampered with. The grave was half uncovered, and "what dirt remained in it was loose, as if it, too, had been removed and was thrown in again lightly. The men thrust a stick down through the earth and found that the outer box was in place.

What makes it appear as if the body must have been removed are the wagon tracks made by a wide tire that lead into the cemetery and up to the grave. There are also many footprints about the grave, as if two or more men had been at work there.

The purpose of ghouls uncovering the grave can only be surmised. It might have been to secure the remains for medical dissecting purposes, or again it might have been for robbery, as there was some jewelry on the woman's body when buried.

Eccentric Capitalist Dead.

Harrison, N. Y., July 28.—Estimated to be worth a hundred thousand dollars, John Weed, who far 50 years has delivered coal to the residents of Harrison, Rye and Milton Point, has died on his delivery wagon.

Although Mr. Weed was wealthy, he took delight in getting on one of his wagons and delivering coal as he did when poor.

FINNISH NIHILIST HURLS BOMB AND ASSASSINATES MINISTER OF INTERIOR

While Driving to Railroad Station M. Von Plehve Meets Death at Hands of a Man Who Himself Is Injured.

Crime Is Believed at St. Petersburg to Have Been the Outcome of Great Plot of Nihilists to Deal Death to Russian Officials—Force of Explosion Was Terrific and a Score of Others Are Killed or Injured.

St. Petersburg, July 28.—Vladimir Constantinovitch von Plehve, minister of the interior of Russia, was assassinated at 9:30 o'clock this morning with a bomb thrown at his carriage while he was driving to the station to take the train for the palace at Peterhof to make his weekly report to the czar.

The assassination is believed to be the outcome of a widespread plot, the existence of which had been suspected for several days. Numerous arrests have been made, including that of the assassin, a young man believed to be a Finn named Legio. He is now in a hospital perhaps fatally injured by the explosion of his own bomb. An accomplice, whose name is unknown, was also arrested. He had in his possession a bomb which he tried to throw but was prevented by the police in time.

The assassin wore a brown overcoat and a railroad officer's cap. He stood on the sidewalk just as Minister von Plehve's carriage was about to cross the canal bridge near the station. The minister was escorted by a number of detectives on bicycles and one of them pursued the assassin, who rushed into the middle of the street and threw the bomb after the carriage. The missile struck the hind wheel, exploded with fearful force, killing or wounding more than a score of persons. Minister von Plehve and his coachman were killed outright and an officer of the guard was fatally injured. The assassin was wounded by splinters in the face, arm and abdomen. He has now confessed the crime, but has refused to give his name. The explosive is believed to have been composed of pyroxilin. The force of the explosion was terrific and not only broke nearly every window within a radius of half a mile, but reduced heavy paving stones to powder, heaved up the pavement and flung a heavy piece of iron work of the carriage across the canal, severing a thick barge mast, which fell, stunning the captain of the barge. Everybody in the street was knocked down or bruised.

When the officers of the law, headed by Minister of Justice Muraviev, had terminated the necessary formalities by drawing a written report of the crime, the mangled body of the minister of the interior was conveyed to the chapel adjoining the railway station, the windows of which had escaped destruction. A priest proclaimed mass in memory of the departed minister, while all those in the congregation dropped to their knees. A no less impressive service was conducted at the minister's stately home this evening, attended by high government officials and members of the foreign diplomatic corps.

Minister of Justice Muraviev went to the Peterhof palace this afternoon to report the assassination of Minister von Plehve to Czar Nicholas. His majesty did not leave the palace during the day, although he had arranged to go to Oranienbaum, 19 miles from St. Petersburg, to attend the consecration of the new harbor. The czarina has not been informed of the tragedy, in view of the hourly expectation of her announcement.

M. Durnovo, who was M. von Plehve's assistant, has been appointed minister of the interior ad interim.

The tragedy occurred on the Zalatski Prospect, a broad thoroughfare leading up to the Warsaw depot, whence the road turns sharply to the left toward the Baltic railroad station. The exact spot at which the outrage occurred is just before the bridge spanning the circular canal, on the other side of which both stations are situated.

The bomb thrower must have known

perfectly well that Minister Von Plehve would pass the spot this morning, for the minister makes his report to the emperor every Thursday.

The infernal machine was thrown with deadly accuracy and the assassin was favored by the fact that traffic here is always of the heaviest owing to the crossing lines of surface cars and the continuous stream of delivery trucks. M. Von Plehve was always apprehensive of attempts upon his life and used to drive as rapidly as possible. The coachman, however, was compelled to go slow at this point. The assassin in laying his plans evidently foresaw this circumstance and while the minister's coachman slowed down, threw the bomb. The explosion was terrific and practically annihilated the woodwork of the carriage. The horses tore off, dragging the axle and front wheels. The animals, though infuriated by the wounds they had sustained, had not galloped far before they fell with pools of blood under them.

The minister's servant who was also on the carriage box, was badly wounded and two officers who were driving by in a cab were injured by flying splinters. The assassin himself was wounded in one eye. He took to flight, but according to the latest reports, was overtaken and is now under arrest. Passengers on the Peterhof train began to arrive upon the scene. Among them were the Duke and Duchess of Oldenburg, who stopped their motor car within a couple of paces of M. Von Plehve's remains and were told by a policeman the terrible tidings. They were much affected.

The news of the tragedy spread like wild fire throughout the city, causing consternation everywhere. Police reserves were hurried to the scene from all parts of the city and the various departments were instantly notified. When the Associated Press correspondent arrived at the telegraph office 15 minutes after the tragedy occurred, the director of telegraphs had already been informed of the assassination and instructions had been given. The utmost confusion prevailed and reports of the occurrence were conflicting.

The coachman was killed and the wounded and maddened horses dashed wildly away with the front wheels of the carriage, the only portion of the vehicle remaining intact. Immediately there ensued a scene of the wildest confusion. Police and gendarmes hurried up from every direction and vast crowds gathered about the spot where the mangled body of the minister lay weltering in his blood.

The Associated Press correspondent was at the scene of the tragedy within five minutes after it occurred. M. Von Plehve's shockingly mangled body was lying in the middle of the road. It had been partially covered with a police officer's overcoat, with the left arm, the bone of which was broken off, projecting. A policeman came up and raised the overcoat in order to rearrange it, revealing for an instant the strong features of the dead minister, whose head was battered almost beyond recognition. The roadway was strewn for 100 yards with the wreckage of the carriage and pieces of the red lining of the minister's official overcoat. A few yards from M. Von Plehve's body lay a shapeless heap of the coachman's remains.

M. Von Plehve was on his way to visit the emperor when the tragedy occurred.

CONVICTS FIGHT IN PRISON.

Trouble Between Men at Walla Walla May Result Fatally.

Walla Walla, Wash., July 28.—As a result of a fight in the penitentiary jail

mill, one convict at the state penal institution is lying near death's door in the hospital, and another prisoner is closely confined in a dark cell in the prison near this city. Saturday afternoon, just before work was closed down in the jute mill, two prisoners became involved in a fight, and before they could be separated one had received four knife wounds in the back.

Full particulars of the affair are not obtainable, and the story only leaked out yesterday. From what information could be secured, it appears there had been bad blood between the two men, whose names were not learned. Saturday afternoon they were working together on one of the machines. They had a dispute as to who should perform a certain portion of the work and a fight followed.

One of the men grabbed a long knife lying on the machine, and grabbing the other around the neck, jabbed him in the back four times in rapid succession. The fight attracted the attention of the 200 convicts in the mill, and for a time serious trouble was feared. The guards, however, succeeded in separating the fighters and quieting down the other convicts. The wounded man was immediately taken to the prison hospital, where it was found necessary to sew up the wounds made by the knife. He is now in a very dangerous condition.

Prison officials refuse to give out any information whatever concerning the trouble.

GETS PART OF BIG ESTATE.

Victoria Woman Falls in for Share of Long-Lost Fortune.

Victoria, July 28.—Mrs. Thomas Watson of this city, wife of the chief engineer of the Victoria fire department, has just received notification from a firm of solicitors in Edinburgh of the recognition of her right to a place among the heirs of Major James Sinclair, whose estate, lost trace of for upwards of a century, is now about to be distributed. Major Sinclair died in India an even century ago, with £90,000 at interest.

His will, discovered only a few months since in Calcutta, dated July 22, 1804, makes his only daughter, Elizabeth, then 16, sole legatee, but Major John Crow, a military comrade, named as executor, has proceeded to enjoy the benefits of the estate, making investments with such canny thrift that the estate is believed to be worth today something over \$10,000,000.

Miss Sinclair, the legatee, married a cousin, Alexander Sinclair, and had a family of six sons and five daughters, eight of whom lived to maturity. Their children and grandchildren are scattered to the ends of the earth. Mrs. Watson being a granddaughter. It was in behalf of Donald, the youngest son, who has remained in Scotland, that the estate was traced, with the discoveries that promise to make many deserving Sinclairs independently well-to-do.

SOUND STEAMER BURNED.

Enigma of Seattle Destroyed and Crew Is Almost Lost.

Bellingham, July 28.—The steamer Enigma of Seattle burned in San Juan channel yesterday afternoon while en route from Friday harbor to Port Angeles with a load of hay. The steamer's crew of five were rescued with difficulty by the small steamer Olympia, which also passed a line to the burning steamer and attempted to tow her ashore, but she burned to the water's edge and sunk before shallow water could be reached.

Buys Baseball Franchise.

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 28.—The Milwaukee baseball franchise in the Western league has been purchased by D. J. Finkelstein of this city for \$50,000. The franchise is held in Pueblo, which next season will have a regularly organized team in the Western League circuit. Finkelstein is organizing the Pueblo Athletic Association of which he will be president.

CROWD STONES CARRIAGE OF MINISTER MURAVIEFF

St. Petersburg, July 28.—As Minister of Justice Muraviev was driving to Peterhof palace this afternoon to report to Emperor Nicholas the particulars of the assassination of Minister von Plehve, stones were hurled at the carriage and the windows of the vehicle were broken. The minister, however, escaped injury. The identity of Minister Muraviev's assailants has not yet been discovered.

TO INVOLVE MANY ROADS IN TROUBLE

President of Freight Handlers' Union Ready to Issue Sweeping Order to Members in Chicago.

Pending Conference With Leaders Order Is Being Held in Abeyance.

WILL WORK GREAT HARDSHIP

New Movement for Peace Is on Foot by Cattle Growers, Who Hope to Bring About a Settlement.

Chicago, July 28.—After issuing a general order that would have involved all the Chicago railroads in the strike of the stockyard employes, Lawrence J. Curran, president of the freight handlers' union, tonight reconsidered his action and is now holding the order in abeyance pending a conference tomorrow morning with the leaders of the allied trades unions, whose members are on strike. It is said President Donnelly of the butchers' union and other strike leaders express a desire to have the order enforced and that it be put into effect at once.

The order requires all members of the union employed by the various railroads throughout Chicago to refuse to handle any freight whatever for the packing houses where the employes are now on strike. If the freight handlers live up to the order, it will work a severe hardship on the packers, as the notification to the men states explicitly that no freight delivered by or billed to the packing companies, whether delivered at the freight house by teams or in cars, is to be touched by members of the union. What the railroad officials will do has not been decided.

New Effort for Peace.

A new peace movement is afoot. Representatives of the large cattle growers called on President Donnelly today and presented to him a statement showing the hardships the strike is working on cattlemen throughout the country. President Donnelly informed the interceders that he will meet the packers at any time, and will even concede a time limit in which the men should be reinstated. The cattle growers' representatives will now endeavor to bring about another conference.

Tonight both sides are claiming victory. The strikers assert that the industry is demoralized, but it is a fact that the packers are slaughtering thousands of animals every day.

BENSON CASE DISMISSED.

Timberman Charged With Conspiracy Discharged by New York Court.

New York, July 28.—John A. Benson of California, who is under indictment in Washington on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States by acquisition of government lands known as forest reserve lands in Oregon and California by fictitious affidavits and fictitious persons, was discharged in the United States court today by Judge Lacombe, who, in his decision, said:

"Upon the broadest construction which can be given to the indictment, it does not set forth acts tending to show conspiracy to commit any offense against or to defraud the United States, and the defendant should therefore be discharged."