

EX-GOV. STEUNENBERG OF IDAHO IS TORN TO FRAGMENTS BY DYNAMITE

VICTIM OF ASSASSINS

Act of Opening the Gate to His Home in Caldwell Sets Off Cunningly Laid Mine Which Rends Him to Pieces.

REVENGE OF BULL-PEN VICTIMS OF COEUR D'ALENE WAR SEEN

Memories of Threats Against the Man Who Called Out Troops to Quell That Bloody Strike Are Recalled.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 30.—Former Governor Frank Steunenberg of Idaho was assassinated at 7:30 o'clock this evening just as he was passing through the gate leading into the yard of his home at Caldwell, Idaho. The governor had been down town and was returning to his home when he met his death. He was alone. Just as he entered the gate a terrific explosion occurred, blowing his body literally to pieces.

There was no witness to the assassination, but the explosion was of such terrific force that windows in residences on both sides of the streets were shattered and considerable damage was done to the Steunenberg home, although no one besides the governor was injured.

The sound of the explosion and the splintering glass brought the inmates of the houses for blocks on each side of the Steunenberg home rushing to the scene.

After the first excitement had died down and the fragments of the body of the former governor had been removed to his home, a careful inspection of the scene of the tragedy was made.

It was found that a dynamite bomb had been used to take the life of Mr. Steunenberg. The assassin had cunningly arranged the dynamite so that the opening of the gate would explode it.

There is no clue to the assassin, but it is believed to be the revenge of miners who were convicted of complicity in the Coeur d'Alene riots in 1899. During those troublous times in the Coeur d'Alenes in that year Steunenberg was governor of Idaho. It was his order that sent the state troops to the scene. The riots were quelled and many leaders arrested. The leaders were tried and convicted and sentenced to six years' imprisonment, and were recently released from the penitentiary.

At the time of the trial many threats were made against Governor Steunenberg by the prisoners as to what would happen to him when they were released.

The news of the assassination spread like wildfire throughout Idaho, as the former governor was one of the best known men in the state.

Posses were hurriedly formed and the work of tracing down the murderer commenced.

A special train left Boise soon after the news of his death was received here, carrying detectives and bloodhounds to the scene to take the trail of the assassin, for whose apprehension large rewards are offered.

Steunenberg was one of the wealthiest men of Idaho. He was a large property holder and held heavy interests in numerous banks.

Owing to the supposition that the assassination is a result of the Coeur d'Alene troubles, much excitement prevails in many parts of the state, as Steunenberg was not the only one connected with the arrest and sending to prison of the ring leaders that came in for a share of the threats that were uttered against the officials who took an active part in quelling the strike disturbances of 1899 and it is feared that others may meet the same fate that befell former Governor Steunenberg.

TWO FORMER COEUR D'ALENERS SEEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.)
Boise, Idaho, Dec. 30.—A dynamite outrage was perpetrated at Caldwell tonight, former Governor Frank Steunenberg being blown to death by a bomb. He had been in the business portion of this town during the afternoon and returned to his home by the back way at 9:45 o'clock.

As he opened the back gate, a bomb that had been placed there by some unknown miscreant exploded, badly mangled his right arm and leg and injuring him so badly that he died 25 minutes later, without regaining consciousness.

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JURY INDICTS ITS OWN FOREMAN

Federal Body Sitting at Helena, Montana, Closes Its Session With a Sensation.

CHARGE SAID TO BE FENCING PUBLIC LAND

J. P. Woolman, Former United States Marshal, the Indicted Foreman, Retires Before His Own Case Is Reported—Thirty Others Accused.

MRS. FITZSIMMONS FEARS FOR HER LIFE

Stout Falls, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons lives in fear of death at the hands of her pugilist husband today.

BARONESS SPIED ON THE SERVANTS' HALL

Vienna, Dec. 30.—Strange revelations have been made here in the course of the trial of several persons accused of murdering the beautiful Baroness Lucretia Biederman, whose dead body was found in her boudoir a few days ago.

GEORGE AND HIS KATCHET

Helena, Mont., Dec. 30.—George Washington, who a short time ago broke into a saloon, demolished the cash register with a hatchet and decamped with the cash, was today sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary.

KILLS WIFE AT HER OWN REQUEST

Mayor of French Town Takes Life of Spouse Who Suffers From Cancer.

ESTEEMED PARISIAN NOT THE LEAST SORRY

Declares It Was Better That Woman Should Die Owing to Her Fearful Condition—She Left Letter Saying It Was Her Wish.

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TEDDY'S LETTER TO FITZSIMMONS

Ruby Robert's Understanding of Note Differs From Official Version at Capital.

SAID TO BE SIMPLE CHRISTMAS GREETING

Reports State Pugilist Received Letter From President Sympathizing With Him Over Recent Defeat at Hands of O'Brien.

HALL OF SHAME TO IMMORTALIZE GRAFTERS

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—An scientific millionaire of this state has evoked an idea that he believes will act as a deterrent to graft and capitalistic oppression. His opinion is that a "Hall of Shame" should be erected where the names of those who have won notoriety by outrageous acts within the pale of the law may be "disrespectably immortalized." He offers \$200,000 toward building a "Hall of Shame." The insurance inquiry just closed would furnish some candidates, according to his idea.

SNOW STORM AT KLAMATH

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 30.—The greatest snow storm of the season is in progress today. The snow is 16 inches deep in the town, and 24 inches in the hills five miles from town.

FIRE SWEEPS TO FIGHT FOR MILLIONS MOSCOW

Revolutionaries Face a Terrible Attack, the Troops Seeking to Burn Them Out of Strongholds.

STRIKING PICTURE OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

Six Square Miles of Manufacturing and Laboring District in Absolute Control of the Rebels—Infantry, Artillery and Cavalry Try to Break Down Barricades.

Moscow, Dec. 30, 11 p. m.—(Bulletin New York, Dec. 30.—With the filing of the will of the late Charles T. Yerkes, one of the most sensational probate battles that this country has ever known will begin. Though it is known that his Fifth avenue mansion and its priceless collection of paintings, rugs and art objects have been left in trust to the city it has not yet been made clear what disposition the great traction magnate has made of his unnumbered millions in England.

It is known that for several years he has been working to place his vast accumulations of wealth in London beyond the reach of his wife and during the last year Mr. Yerkes decided steps to that end. His business associates abroad believe that he placed his fortune in trust for his grandchildren, after making adequate provision for his wife and son and daughter. One thing those who know him feel sure of, and that is that his will when filed will reveal shrewd and ironclad provisions that will prevent Mrs. Yerkes from profiting by a suit to have that instrument set aside.

Known to Be Feared.

It is known that she feared that after her removal her husband would have summoned Mrs. Susan Grigby and her daughter Emile and have placed them in charge of his magnificent home at Samuel Untermyer, while absolutely refusing to discuss any phase of the controversy or to be interviewed as to any of Mr. Yerkes' affairs, giving as a reason the manifest impropriety of any statement from him, declared upon being shown an account of alleged attempts on the part of Mr. Yerkes to have Mrs. Yerkes vacate the Fifth avenue house that the reporter had been deceived. There had been no attempt to force Mrs. Yerkes out of the house so far as he knew. In spite of this denial it was definitely reported today that Mrs. Yerkes did fear such removal and took every step possible to prevent any such move on the part of her husband.

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Filing of Will of Charles T. Yerkes Will Be Signal for a Big Contest of Sensational Nature.

WORKED TO KEEP WIFE FROM GETTING WEALTH

Widow Feared Mrs. Grigby and Daughter, for Whom Millionaire Built Beautiful White Stone Structure and Filled It With Priceless Art Works, Would Be Installed.

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MRS. STANFORD'S DEATH BASIS OF PLOT TO SECURE BIG FEES

Dr. David Starr Jordan Thus Characterizes Rumors of Poisoning That Spread and Honolulu Officials Played a Prominent Part.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.)
Denver, Dec. 30.—The death of the late Mrs. Jane Stanford, patroness of the Stanford University, was made the basis for a dastardly plot to secure big fees for the Honolulu officials, according to Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of the university, who is in Denver.

Furthermore, Dr. Jordan intimates that the report that Mrs. Stanford was poisoned was a plot on the part of the several of Mrs. Stanford's servants, who were jealous of the favor with which Mrs. Stanford treated Miss Bernier, her private secretary.

It is intimated that they hoped by spreading a rumor that Mrs. Stanford had been poisoned to jeopardize Miss Bernier's bequest. Proceedings may be taken against the Honolulu officials for the part they played in the affair.

"We have established beyond a doubt that Mrs. Stanford died a natural death," said Dr. Jordan today. "A post-mortem examination developed that the heart had been ruptured. This was the result of fatty degeneration of the heart. The heart is now in San Francisco, where it is being preserved."

According to Dr. Jordan, no strychnine was found in Mrs. Stanford's room. Reports were circulated by the officials of Honolulu that a large quantity of the poison had been discovered. Indeed, the sheriff went so far as to say that a bottle containing 600 grains had been found. But all this, Dr. Jordan declares, has been proved untrue. Dr. Jordan and other close friends of the late Mrs. Stanford have been quietly conducting an investigation since her death on February 28 last. It has uncovered a startling array of facts, he says, but none that pertain to them. He declared that within a few weeks a full report of the discoveries in connection with the affair will be made public. And he gives the impression that questions will follow. Just what they are Dr. Jordan refuses to tell.