MURDER AND DIPLOMACY IN KOREA

Brutal Slaughter of Queen by Japanese to Gain Their Ends — Court Approves Murder—Farce of Tomb Over Grave.

From kingdom to empire to vassal is the fate of Korea. Japan, ever alert to annex new territory, by hook or crook, not only murdered the queen, but, when the time arrived, she made prisoner the emperor, denied visits from any one and placed their own race in power. Mr. Haskin will tell tomorrow of the wily tactics of the Japanese to gain control of Korea and of the taking away of the country's independence.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The resignation of Prince Ito as resident general of Korea recalls the dramatic chapter of Korean history which followed the coming of Viscount Miura to Seoul as successor to Count Inouye, who, like Ito, was a pacificator. The result of the Chino-Japanese war had given Japan her long desired foothold in the Hermit Kingdom. Following the conclusion of peace between China and Japan the influx of Japanese into Korea, which had begun during the conflict, showed a substantial increase. The Japanese minister, Count Inouye, took up with Tokio the matter of the conduct of his nationals in the country. He declared that while Japan was hotly urging upon Korea the necessity of reform, the Japanese in Korea stood greatly in need of reformation. They were, he asserted, guilty of the grossest brutality and injustice to Koreans in matters large and small. They were insufferably arrogant, and too much inclined to violence to gain dishonest objects. He believed that unless something should be done to correct abuses Japan would not only be justly hated by Korea, but would also suffer in the estimation of the civilized world.

New Viscount Hailed With Delight.

The advent of Viscount Miura was hailed with delight by the Japanese residents of Korea. The construed it to mean that in their policy of clubbing the natives they would now have aid instead of opposition. The Taiwonkun had returned sometime before from exile and imprisonment in China. He was without official position, but anxious to play a role in politics. He had been for some time at outs with the royal house. He particularly hated the queen who dominated the king and directed affairs. He seized upon an opportunity to make an alliance with Viscount Miura, not because he liked the Japanese more than he had in former years, but because he saw an opportunity to even scores with his enemy in the palace.

While the Japanese had reaffirmed the independence of Korea in a treaty entered into at the beginning of the war with China, they were pursuing a policy so aggressive that the king and queen were greatly alarmed. Count Inouye had repeatedly told the queen, presumably in good faith, that his government had no designs upon the integrity of the country or the repose of the royal family. The queen was nevertheless opposed to Japanese influence in Korea and was actively fighting the Japanese efforts at "reform." When Viscount Miura came to Seoul the question of how to eliminate the queen as a disturbing factor in the Korean equation was unanswered.

Plot to Dethrone Queen.

The Taiwonkun and Viscount Miura now had a common cause. The former regent, embittered by his experience as a prisoner, and enraged because the queen had out-pointed him in the game of politics since his return, was without scruples. Viscount Miura was an old soldier, whose idea of accomplishing an end was to employ force. The two formed a plot. Whether the Taiwonkun or the Japanese minister was the first to make the suggestion is not known, although a court in Japan subsequently accorded that honor to the Korean. At any rate, the proponent found a ready response to the proposal. Viscount Miura and the Taiwonkun were soon working out the details of their plot in brotherly fashion. The Taiwonkun desired to taste again the pleasures of power and the Japanese soldier minister desired to rid his government of a perplexing problem.

The business like manner in which these two worthies entered into a contract to murder the queen has no parallel in the annals of international politics in modern times. The Japanese minister was afraid that the Taiwonkun would demand too much in the way of reward for his part in the business in hand, so he demanded, and received, a written pledge from him to the effect that he would not interfere with the commercial and political projects of the Japanese. Colonel Kunsunose, commandant of the Japanese troops at Seoul, was on his way home on a leave of absence, when it was decided that the murder should take place that night. A telegram to him at Chemulpo brought him back to the capital.

Murder and Burn Queen.

Viscount Miura summoned a number of Japanese bullies, known as "soshi," and revealed his purpose to them, ordering them to get together their friends and join in the expedition to the palace. The Japanese police were ordered to assist, the Taiwonkun and his followers were advised to be on hand, and about daybreak on October 8, Japanese officers in charge of a few disgruntled Korean soldiers, Japanese "soshi," police and others collected by the plotters, moved upon the palace, protected by the regular Japanese troops, and effected an entrance by making a breach in the wall. The "soshi" discovered the queen in her sleeping apartments, murdered her as per contract, saturated her garments with kerosene brought to the palace for that purpose, and dragged the body into the palace park where they set fire to it and burned it.

Not the least amazing feature of the murder of the queen was that, after efforts to suppress the news of the affair had partly failed, Viscount Miura and others were tried at Hiroshima and acquitted under a decision of the court which constituted a warm approval of the murder as the proper diplomatic expedient in the existing circumstances. Viscount Miura, who had been recalled when Japan was being grilled for having allowed the murder to occur, or having ordered it done, was restored to his titles and honors and became a popular idol.

Decision of Japanese Court.

The decision of the Japanese court says that the palace was daily growing more arbitrary and attempting wanton interference with state affairs. Disorder and confusion were in this way introduced into the system of administration that had just been reorganized by Korea under the advice and guidance of the Japanese government. Under these circumstances the Japanese minister was greatly perturbed, as he thought the attitude of the court showed remarkable ingratitude toward Japan, "which had spent much labor and money for the sake of Korea," and was also calculated to thwart the work of internal reform and jeopardize the independence of the kingdom. The accused felt it to be important to apply an effective remedy to secure "the independence of the kingdom and at the same time to maintain the prestige of this empire in that country."

Continuing the court says that while his mind was agitated by these thoughts Viscount Miura was approached by the Taiwonkun "with a request for assistance," he having decided to undertake to reform the cabinet and advise the king. The accused then held a conference at the Japanese legation and it was decided "that assistance be rendered to the Taiwonkun's entrance to the palace." It was, in the language of the court at Hiroshima, "further resolved that this opportunity should be availed for the taking of the life of the queen who was exercising overwhelming influence at the court."

The court recites at great length the details of the plot and says that Viscount Miura and his subordinates, upon the day set for the murder, telegraphed to the commander of the Japanese troops to return to Seoul, delivered to Horiguchi Kumaaichi a detailed program of the enterprise, summoned certain "soshi," told them to collect their friends, to act as a bodyguard to the Taiwonkun and dispatch the queen when they should enter the palace. After giving a detailed account of the entrance of the party into the palace, where they "at once proceeded to the inner chambers," the court finds that "notwithstanding these facts there is no sufficient proof that any of the accused actually committed the crime originally meditated by them, and for these reasons each and all are hereby discharged."

Foreigners Horror Stricken.

The Japanese authorities suppressed the first telegrams in which correspondents at Seoul sought to inform the outside world of the outrage, but afterward more or less of what really occurred got into print. In the interim Seoul seethed. The horror stricken foreigners in the capital voiced their indignation without mincing words. The Taiwonkun hit upon a plan of allaying the anger of the Americans and Europeans in Korea—a plan in every way worthy of its originator. He caused a spurious royal decree to be issued, in which the late queen was denounced for unmeasured wickedness and degraded to the level of the lowest prostitute. Viscount Miura officially accepted the decree as genuine, but other foreign representatives declined to do so. Japan was compelled by the upheaval of public opinion to recall Viscount Miura.

King Feared Assassination.

Americans and Europeans who visited the king found him in a state of terror, expecting assassination daily, and afraid to eat lest he should be poisoned. Afterward one missionary would remain in the palace all night, near the person of the king, in the hope that the presence of foreigners might prevent a second murder within the palace compound, and another would send him food in locked boxes that he might eat without fear of being poisoned.

Japan Erects Tomb.

Japan, now anxious to placate public opinion, returned Count Inouye to Seoul in the capacity of envoy extraordinary to effect an improvement in the relations between Koreans and Japanese. There resulted a decree restoring the dead queen to full rank and bestowing upon her the title of "Guileless and Revered." A temple was dedicated to her memory and orders were issued that her biography should be written in a laudatory vein. A tomb was built and beneath it was interred the little finger of the right hand of the murdered woman. This was all of the body that was found in the ashes where the body was burned.

In the meantime the king was kept under rigid surveillance, and from the time of the murder of the queen to the present moment he has been a prisoner, although he was subsequently forced to abdicate, and now occupies no official position in Korea.

TWO DOGS RACE AT CANBY

Sport, who is happiest when hitched to the "sulkey," smashing speed records.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Canby, Or., Oct. 7. — Not to be outdone in furnishing unique entertainments, the Clackamas County Fair management Saturday introduced a feature that aroused much enthusiasm. It was a dog race on a half-mile track and the race was won by a large yellow deer hound. The time was 1:30 for the half mile.

There were but two entrants, "Sport," driven by Dewey Cox, and "Joe," a Llewellen setter, driven by William Porter.

The dogs were hitched to two-wheeled carts, made by the drivers, and they had the racing spirit as strongly as a thoroughbred racehorse.

"Sport" is the swiftest dog of the two and delights in running, while "Joe" merely runs because he is urged.

The boys trained the dogs themselves, besides making the harness and carts.

EGGER BROS. SAY DAIRY IS CLEAN

The following communication has been received by The Journal:

"Portland, Oct. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—In last evening's Journal, there appears on the front page a picture of what purports to be a corner in our cooling-room at our dairy on Columbia slough, and also underneath the picture a statement that a workman was found washing socks and underwear in the receptacle used for washing milkcans in this room.

"As this statement is calculated to do us great injury and is not a fact, we trust that you will permit us to state the facts relative to the matter.

"In the first place, the picture is not a picture of our cooling-room, but of the room where we wash our milkcans, the cooling-room being some 40 feet distant from this room.

"The statement also that a workman was found washing his socks and underwear in this room in a receptacle used for washing milkcans is also incorrect. He was washing his underwear in an ordinary washtub, and one that is not used in any way in washing our milkcans. We have our washroom fitted up with steam pipes and our cans are thoroughly cleansed and scalded with hot steam at every washing, and no dirty use of any kind is made of the receptacles in which we wash them, and we use our utmost endeavor to keep our milkcans sweet and clean, and we believe that they are at all times in that condition, and the workman's washing his underwear in a washtub in this room would no more contaminate the room than the washing done by the ordinary housewife in her home.

"While we appreciate the necessity of keeping the milk supply of the city of Portland pure, and are perfectly willing to do our part to that end, we do not feel that anything is to be gained by misstating the facts. The Journal has been misinformed, as inquiry of the gentlemen who inspected our dairy will disclose. We speak advisedly, as we have just made such inquiry ourselves of one of them. EGGER BROS."

The health officers who inspected Egger Bros.' dairy last Sunday, found a workman washing his clothing in the milkroom of the dairy in the same receptacle, or one identical with it, that was used in washing milkcans on a visit six weeks previous. When interrogated this morning, Dr. Yenney said with reference to the matter, that he was first to enter the milkroom of Egger Bros., and that he found conditions there substantially as detailed in Monday's Journal. He further said that he is the first who should be called on with reference to any fault to be found with The Journal's criticism.

It is due Mr. Egger to say that while admitting to The Journal that his dairy does not meet the requirements prescribed by the inspectors, he signified an intention of remedying conditions so that regulations as to sanitation will be fully met.

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I. W. W. LEADER CAUSES TROUBLE

Missoula, Mont., in State of Siege as Result of Agitation of Rabids.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Missoula, Mont., Oct. 7.—Trouble is feared here as the result of the campaign undertaken by Miss Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, an organizer of the Industrial Workers of the World, to free 25 members of the order who were arrested while conducting a demonstration in the streets of the city.

Tuesday evening Miss Flynn, who herself was recently liberated from the county jail after a similar demonstration, led a mob of more than 2000 persons into the jail yard. A show of strength by the authorities prevented any violence but rabid speeches were made by members of the mob from the steps of the prison.

The city is practically in a state of siege. Meetings are held on the streets nightly by the agitators, who are arrested and imprisoned only to be succeeded by volunteers brought from San Francisco and other coast cities by the leaders of the I. W. W. movement.

Miss Flynn declares she will continue to import street corner orators until the jail is so overcrowded that the authorities will be compelled to release all prisoners.

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