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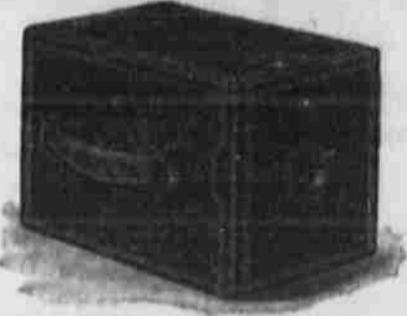
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## EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA STABBED IN SWITZERLAND

### While Visiting in Geneva She was Waylaid by an Anarchist, Who Drove a Stiletto Through Her Heart.

### EUROPE'S MOST POPULAR SOVEREIGN THE VICTIM OF A FIENDISH PLOT

**Murderer Arrested by the Police---Says He Killed the Empress to Show Fellow-Anarchists He Was not a Coward---President McKinley Wires Condolence to the Emperor, for Whose Health Grave Fears Are Entertained---Dreyfus Gains Sympathy and He May Yet Be a Free Man---Understanding Between Germany and England---A Shooting Affray at Colfax.**

**G**ENEVA, Switzerland, Sept. 10.—The Empress of Austria was assassinated here this evening by Luigi Luchini, an Italian anarchist. He stabbed the empress with a stiletto.

A medical examination shows that the assassin must have used a small triangular file. After striking the blow he was seized by two cab men, who had witnessed the crime. The prisoner made no resistance. He even sang as he walked along, saying:

"I did it," and "She must be dead."

At the police station he declared that he was a "starving anarchist, with no hatred for the poor, but only for the rich."

Later, when taken to the court house and interrogated by the magistrate, in the presence of three members of the local government and the police officials, he pretended not to know French and refused to answer questions. The assassin told the magistrate that he came to Geneva in order to assassinate "another important person," but had been unable to execute the project.

He declared that it was only by accident he had learned of the presence of the Austrian empress in Geneva.

The assassin, while being interrogated by the magistrate, said that he came to Geneva with the intention of killing the Duc d'Orleans, but the latter had already left.

Lucechi (or Luchini) followed the Duc to Evian, about 25 miles north of Geneva, on the lake, where he again unsuccessfully. He then returned to Geneva, and learned from the papers of the presence of the Austrian empress. Yesterday he dogged her footsteps, but found no opportunity to carry out his purpose, though he watched the Hotel Beauvillage all day.

This afternoon at about 1:30 he saw the valet of the empress leaving the hotel and going toward the boat landing. He inferred from this that the empress was going to take the steamboat, and he hid himself behind a tree on the quay, with a file concealed in his right sleeve.

In a few minutes the empress, accompanied by her lady of honor, appeared, and the assassin struck the file home.

Lucechi confessed that he has been an anarchist since he was 13 years old.

"If all anarchists did their duty as I have done mine," he said, "bourgeois society would soon disappear."

He admitted that he knew the crime was useless, but said he committed it for "the sake of example." In spite of minute searching, the weapon of the murderer has not been found.

carefully guarded, as was also M. Faure. About a week ago another meeting of the same band of anarchists was held at Zurich and those two who had been selected at the previous meeting were accused of cowardice.

Thereupon Lucechi said:

"I will show that I am no coward. I will kill some one."

The following day he left Zurich and went to Bale, proceeding thence to Geneva.

**GRIEF IN SWITZERLAND.**

**BERNE, Switzerland, Sept. 10.**—The president of Switzerland and other members of the government were stunned with horror and grief when the news reached the palace that the empress so beloved by all Europeans had fallen a victim to an assassin within the borders of their country. They immediately arranged to hold an extraordinary federal council on Sunday morning in order to consider the measures to be taken against the assassin. The latter must be tried according to the statutes of Canton, which forbid capital punishment and make life imprisonment the most severe penalty which can be imposed.

The federal authorities had been informed of the visit of the empress and they notified the governor of Canton, whom the empress expected to visit, instructing him to take special police measures for her comfort and safety. It appeared necessary. They were not notified of her majesty's intention to visit Geneva, nor were the local officials there aware of her presence as she was traveling incognito. The police are not blamed, though the circumstances cause comment, and the lack of precautions are regretted.

**FEARS FOR EMPRESS'S HEALTH.**

**LONDON, Sept. 10.**—Grave fears are expressed here regarding the effect which the assassination of the Empress of Austria may have upon the emperor, whose health is poor.

**EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE.**

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.**—Upon receipt of Consul Wrigley's notification of the death of the Empress of Austria, President McKinley sent the following message of condolence to the Emperor of Austria:

"I have heard with profound regret of the assassination of her majesty, the Empress of Austria, while at Geneva, and tender to your majesty the deep sympathy of the government and people of the United States."

**DREYFUS MAY YET BE RELEASED FROM PRISON.**

His Case Has Been Given to Six Honorable Men for Investigation, and Will Be Fully Investigated.

**PARIS, Sept. 10.**—Expectation was disappointed today.

The ministerial council was to have held a special sitting with the object of hearing the war minister's account of the Dreyfus case and newly discovered delinquencies of the staff officers; but General Zurlinden, finding he had not ground upon which to form a sound opinion, asked for an adjournment.

He is serious, honorable minded and a worthy colleague of the conscientious Brizon, and will be chosen to investigate the Dreyfus affair as war minister. Because he is not biased and is weighted with a sense of the responsibility involved in the matter. Being a protestant, and of bourgeois breeding, he does not share the ultra-Catholic, anti-Jewish feeling of the Castet war office. Having been a prisoner of war in Germany in 1870, and being an Alsatian, he is warmly patriotic, and would sympathize with the military justice of Dreyfus should he find evidence of guilt. General Zurlinden was to have given a verdict today. If against a reopening of the case he would have retired to leave the government a free hand. Judging from the disappointment when the news was received that the council had adjourned. The Dreyfus affair is in a good channel. The minister of justice has named six accomplished, experienced, keen jurists to examine the secret papers and everything connected with the Dreyfus case and a reopening will entirely depend upon this committee. Not one of the six is a Jew, but one of them, M. Crepon, has been a student all his life of Jewish history. Another member of the commission, M. Lepelletier, has found legislation from the legal term in Greek literature. All six are men of unblemished character and are in the habit of sifting evidence. The six will set to work directly as soon as the war minister gives his opinion.

The country now being violently anti-Semitic, and Dreyfus being a Jew, the government will have to act with a wary creep rather than a walk forward. The late Lieutenant Colonel Henry's confession brought public opinion around to a revision, but the hostility to Dreyfus is ineradicable. The resignation of General Bois Defreze, of the general staff, is a standing puzzle, and it arouses suspicions that only a public trial can quiet. The people ask "Was Dreyfus an accomplice of Esterhazy? Were they both able to hold rods in the pickle for their superiors?"

of the Chinese foreign office, where he was the only minister prepared to vigo-

**ENGLAND AND FRANCE MAY BECOME INVOLVED.**

It is said the French forces have occupied Fashoda, which, if true, will lead to strife.

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**LONDON, Sept. 10.**—The dramatic news received from Omdurman today showing apparently that Fashoda, on the White Nile, about 60 miles north of Khartoum, has been occupied by the white force, caused the greatest sensation. As there seems little room to doubt that the troops occupying that place are French, this will prove a disastrous setback to the British victories in the Nile valley, and at once—scope of the question of the British way to the Upper Nile. Of course it is possible the forces at Fashoda may be the British troops under Major MacDonal, but this is most unlikely.

Almost everyone regards the stories of the French expedition under Major Marchand, being near Fashoda, as being nothing more than a "bluff," but now there is little reason to hope that this is the case. The news that British gunboats have started for Fashoda, opens the question whether the conflict is likely to occur between them and the force occupying Fashoda.

The great danger is that the headstrong young British officer may open fire on the gunboats.

If the French should claim to exercise sovereignty over Fashoda, either Great Britain or France must back down in order to avoid war.

France has been repeatedly warned that Great Britain will consider interference in the Nile valley a cause for war.

**HOT SCRAP IN COLFAX.**

**COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 10.**—This town was thrown into a furor today by a desperate battle between John Tobin, auditor of Whitman county, and W. E. Lewis, the local Western Union operator. Without warning Tobin opened fire on Lewis on Main street. After two harmless shots he was seized and forced into a barber shop. Lewis remained on the street, talking with friends. Tobin fought loose from the man who were holding him, dashed into the street and fired again at Lewis. The latter sprang forward, grappled with Tobin and a desperate struggle followed for possession of the revolver. Lewis secured the weapon, felled Tobin with a blow and, standing over his foe, tried to shoot him, but the weapon missed fire. He was seized by bystanders and while they were struggling Tobin sprang to his feet, drew another revolver, and shot Lewis in the leg. The wound is not thought to be dangerous. Tobin was placed under arrest. He is serving his fourth year as auditor. It is thought the affair grew out of family troubles. Tobin's wife left him three months ago, and, it is said, he blames Lewis.

**BIG NUGGET.**

**VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 10.**—Australian advices received here on the steamer Mowera say that near Lake Wynne a gold nugget weighing 115 pounds avoirdupois, and valued at \$2,000, was found.

**WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR.**

**NEW YORK, Sept. 10.**—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has authorized the announcement that he will accept the nomination for governor of New York should it be tendered to him by the convention of his party, to be held at Saratoga.

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