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ATTEMPT MADE TO KILL THE PRESIDENT JOS. MEYERS MYSTERIOUSLY LOSES \$50,000.00 IN SECURITIES

SHOT GOES CLOSE TO ROOSEVELT

WOULD-BE ASSASSIN HID IN BRUSH

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
Greer Bay, L. I., Sept. 8.—It became known today that an attempt to assassinate President Roosevelt was made Saturday while he was riding on the Cove road, near Sagamore Hill.

The assassin, hidden in the bushes at the roadside, fired at the President with a revolver, the bullet whistling over Roosevelt's head. The President, perfectly calm, pulled up his horse and wished to dismount and search the bushes. The friend who was riding with him dissuaded him and they rode on.

The attempt on the President's life became known through the arrest by secret service men guarding Roosevelt of John Coughlin, armed and seemingly insane, as he sought an interview with the President yesterday.

The attempt explains why Chief White of the secret police was called hurriedly from Washington to Sagamore Hill, arriving there Sunday.

Every circumstance goes to prove that the effort to shoot Roosevelt was deliberate and carefully planned.

The bullet was fired from behind a hedge which bordered the road. It passed a few inches above the President's head, and he and a friend, who was riding with him, heard the whistle of the leaden missile clearly. If it had been a volley of shot the explanation might be given that a careless and law-defying sportsman had done the shooting in advance of the opening of the game season.

There is no question, however, it was a bullet from a pistol or rifle, and it came nearly ending the life of the President. Coughlin, with a loaded revolver, was arrested by Detectives Wilson and Adams, after a brief struggle, while making his way up Sagamore Hill to see the President. The assassin described himself as a detective from Boston.

"I have been concerned over the work of yegg men in Boston," he said. "I have discovered what yegg men do. I have come here to demand that the President give me 10,000 francs. With them I will go to Boston and capture the guilty men."

And afterward blurted out, "give me that gun; I must go and see the President at once. He will do what I ask."

The police automobile arrived and Coughlin, struggling, was pushed and hauled into it and taken before Justice Franklin, of the village police court, who sent him to the county jail at Mineola.

In a small hand satchel carried by Coughlin the police found a six-shot pistol unloaded and a dirk knife. The pistol was enclosed in a cloth bag, which had a drawing string like the hand bags lawyers used to carry. The charge against Coughlin was carrying concealed deadly weapons.

Whether Coughlin was in the neighborhood of Oyster Bay Saturday when the shot was fired at the President is not known. The secret service men are doing their utmost to trace his movements during the last three days.

Prior to his departure for New York today, Major Wadsworth, the head of the secret service, who was riding with the President Saturday

AIRBRAKE ELECTRIC TRAINS

FOR THE STATE FAIR CROWDS

A fully equipped train of electric cars, with air brakes, will run between this city and the state fair grounds during the state fair. That is the latest improvement made by Manager Page, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for handling the big crowds at the Capital City during the fair.

The entire force has been taken off Commercial street, where they are no longer needed, and put to laying a passing track at the fair grounds, so that this train can operate in addition to all the regular local cars that will run in sections of two each way every 15 minutes.

The air-brake train will consist of the same kind of cars that operate between Portland and the Oaks, and carry 225 seated passengers and 350 standing. This will give the Salem street railway a very much increased capacity for handling the state fair crowds, and shows enterprise on the part of Mr. Page and his company, who are doing all they can to meet the increased demands of traffic in this city.

GOODWIN EXPLAINS TWO BITS OF GOSSIP

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
San Francisco, Sept. 8.—In spite of persistent rumors to the contrary, Nat C. Goodwin today denied that he was instrumental or in any way connected with the breaking off of the engagement of Harry MacMillan, a Goldfield mining man, and Edna Goodrich, for three years Goodwin's leading lady. He also denied that divorce proceedings have been instituted against him by his wife, Maxine Elliott.

"Miss Goodrich's contract with me expired some months ago," said Goodwin. "If she chooses to engage herself to MacMillan that was her own affair. I think myself that the story of my wife and Miss Goodrich being entangled in my domestic affairs was suggested by MacMillan himself for petty notoriety."

"I do not know where Miss Goodrich is now, and she is not to become my leading lady this season. I did not follow her to Europe as has been reported, but went to Paris on a mining deal, having rushed away to get ahead of another man."

As to whether or not he had seen Miss Goodrich while in Europe, Goodwin's only reply was, "I do not know where she is."

FIND MISSING RELATIVE ALIVE AND PROSPEROUS

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 8.—Relatives of Otto Mayr, mourned as dead for 35 years, today received news that he is not only alive, but prosperous. In 1873, Mayr, then 18 years of age, took a herd of cattle into Mexico. His associates were killed in an Indian uprising, and it was believed that he met the same fate as his companions. It was not until Frederick Mayr, a brother, visited California that it was discovered that Mayr was alive. Another brother, George, and Mayr's mother, 86 years of age, reside in this city.

DEMOCRATS TO INVOKE AID OF LAW

TO LIMIT USE OF MONEY SACK

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
Chicago, Sept. 8.—At the conference of Democratic leaders here today it was decided that the Democratic national committee will invoke the corrupt practices act to prevent the lavish use of money by the Republican national committee in doubtful states. This move was determined upon after a lengthy discussion. It is claimed by the leaders that the Republicans are arranging to raise a big campaign fund, which they will use mainly in the doubtful states.

An arrangement was perfected between Bryan and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, by which Gompers will remain on the stump throughout the campaign. It is now understood that Gompers will make an open appeal to the labor vote of the country to support the Democratic ticket. Under the plan adopted today labor leaders are to join in the stumping of the country. Gompers also has a plan under way by which he expects to have literature, favoring the Democratic cause, distributed in all labor circles.

The leaders were greatly pleased at the reports received at the conference from the various state chairmen. All of these reports were flattering and optimistic.

Bryan spent much time talking over the campaign plans with the leaders and the final settlement was reached in regard to many matters that have been pending.

Heads of the various bureaus under the national committee made reports, and, according to the statements made public, all were satisfactory.

John W. Kearn, the vice-presidential candidate, was prominent in the conference, and showed that he is taking an exceedingly active part in the campaign.

Bryan will speak tomorrow at Peoria, Ill., on the subject of "The State and the Nation."

Clubs to Unite.
It was determined, following the conference of leaders today, to begin at once the work of forming a league of all the Bryan and Kern clubs throughout the United States. The movement also includes the formation of many clubs in all the states and the affiliation of these with the national league.

Election in Illinois.
Springfield, Ill., Sept. 8.—State conventions of all political parties throughout Illinois will be held tomorrow, under the provisions of the new primary law.

At the conventions tomorrow, the different parties will adopt platforms, name presidential electors and choose candidates for university trustees. National delegates and electors are exempt from the operation of the primary law. University trustees are also outside its provisions, for the reason that if such was not the case women would be denied the privilege of voting for trustees, which they now enjoy under the statutes.

Wm. J. Bryan will attend the Democratic convention to be held in Peoria, and will deliver an address.

BLAZE AT HOME OF LONGWORTH

COUPLEROUTED OUT IN "NIGHTIES"

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 8.—Attired in her night robe, Alice Roosevelt-Longworth was routed from her home early today, with her husband, Congressman Nicholas Longworth, also wearing his nocturnal garb, by a fire which destroyed the Longworth stables and threatened to burn the residence.

When the Longworths were awakened the flames were shooting high in the air from the stables, and the smoke had surrounded the house and entered the halls, so that they thought they were in the midst of the conflagration. Not waiting to don their clothes, they seized whatever they could for protection and rushed into the street.

For half an hour it seemed that the house certainly was doomed, and the President's daughter, though she was in great danger of catching cold, was afraid to return to the house.

She watched the fire and Longworth tried to aid the firemen in protecting the residence. The barn is far back from the street, and there was only one available water plug, 1000 feet from the scene, which made it hard for the firemen to fight the blaze.

Aside from her discomfort and the unpleasantness of being routed out of bed in such fashion, Mrs. Longworth seemed to enjoy the excitement, and gave orders to the firemen. This was one occasion, however, when her orders were utterly ignored.

The firemen, who realized that she was the daughter of the President of the United States, told her to stand back out of the way.

"Better get into some house, lady, you're liable to get wet and get your death of cold," said one fireman.

But Alice would not budge. She remained on the scene until the fire was safely confined to the stables, when she went to her apartment. The property loss by the burning of the stable is estimated at \$25,000.

**LEFT AS AN OUTCAST
WARFIELD RETURNS A HERO**

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
San Francisco, Sept. 8.—Like a fairy story of a poor boy who goes out into the world to make a fortune and comes back a hero is the returning of David Warfield to San Francisco.

An usher in the old Bush street theatre, without much chance in the world, David, a plain sort of boy, bade his friends here goodbye. Few knew or cared when he left. Last night San Francisco opened her arms to him as one of her greatest sons, and gave him such an ovation as no actor ever received before in this city.

It was his first visit to his home since he left a poor lad. His wealth now is said to be estimated with seven figures, and his fame has spread throughout the civilized world.

The boy who used to direct San Franciscans to their seats, last night, as the "Music Master," made them weep like children and cheer until the stage hands refused to raise and lower the curtains any more.

TREASURE DISAPPEARS EN ROUTE

OR FROM EXPRESS OFFICE

After nearly three weeks of absolute silence on the part of everyone concerned, the sensational information has leaked out that Joseph Meyers, of this city, has been robbed of securities representing more than \$50,000, besides several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry and other articles. The strong box containing the property was stolen from the office of the Wells-Fargo Company, in the union depot at Portland on August 21st or 22d. Thus far no clue whatever to the mystery has appeared.

On the day following the charge of insanity against him, brought by his sons, Milton and Henry, in Portland, Joseph Meyers telegraphed to J. H. Albert, of the Capital National Bank, of this city, where the elder Meyers did his banking, to send the box containing the securities to Meyers' address at the Portland Hotel. The box was immediately sent through the Wells-Fargo Express Company. It reached the office of the express company in Portland, but was never delivered, to Meyers. The supposition is that between the hour when it arrived and the time that it was to be delivered, the box was stolen from the express office.

Treats Matter as a Joke.
Joseph Meyers, who is at present at the Salem Hotel, when seen this morning, seemed not in the least concerned about the loss of the securities. "I am out nothing by the loss of the papers," said Meyers. "They won't be of any use to the man who took them. I wouldn't have cared if the box had contained ten times as many securities." If the elder Meyers has any theories of his own in regard to the robbery he is keeping them to himself. He laughed and joked about the matter this morning. He gives the impression, however, that he knows more than he cares to say. "There was some jewelry in the box," said Meyers, "but whoever took it is welcome to it."

It was learned from reliable authority this morning that the box which was stolen contained \$48,000 in securities. One of the notes was for \$22,000, payable in ten years to Joseph Meyers, from his sons, Milton and Henry. There were also two other notes owed by the sons to their father. One of these was for \$8000 and the other for \$6000. These were promissory notes, and payable on demand. The jewels in the box were valued at about \$700.

Kept Secret.
The method of the robbery and the motive for it are shrouded in mystery. An active investigation has been going on for three weeks without the knowledge of the public, and, therefore, under the most favorable conditions, and still no solution is in sight.

Everybody concerned agrees that the only persons who knew that the box was sent from Salem were J. H. Albert, Joseph Meyers and the Wells-Fargo Express Company. These three first found that the box had been stolen on the day after it had been received. Joseph Meyers said this morning that the box was marked "Value \$10."

C. I. McNary, this morning gave out the following statement: "The

MINNESOTA FOREST FIRE SPREADING

TOWN OF HIBBING THREATENED

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
Duluth, Minn., Sept. 8.—Reports received this afternoon from Hibbing say that high winds are predicted for tonight, and that the north wind is now blowing at the rate of 15 miles an hour.

Smoke and ashes are being carried a hundred miles from the great forest fires, and the people of Hibbing are in terror. The sky is overcast with the smoke, and distress seems to be sweeping down upon the town.

Hibbing is a town of several thousand population, and it is feared that it will be wiped out. If the wind increases tonight, as it threatens to do, there will be little hope for the town. The people already are moving out of their houses, and preparing to seek places of safety.

**FOREST FIRE WIPES
OUT ANOTHER TOWN**

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
Duluth, Minn., Sept. 8.—Forest fires, which destroyed Snowball, a suburb of Hibbing, are menacing that city today, and if the breeze which fanned the flames into activity after they had been practically subdued, increases, the fire will devastate a large section of territory.

The fire has swept over a radius of 25 miles, practically wiping Snowball from the map. The inhabitants escaped, but are homeless, and in many cases lost everything they possessed.

The refugees are praying for rain, but there are no indications that nature will aid in quenching the fires.

The work of rebuilding Chisholm, which was wiped out by the fire, began today.

First that Meyers' sons knew about the matter was eight days after the robbery, when they were apprised of the loss by J. H. Albert, who stated that Joseph Meyers, the Wells-Fargo Company and himself were the only persons who knew anything about the matter. At that time Albert demanded, on behalf of Joseph Meyers, the payment by the sons of the two promissory notes. The sons said that the money was ready at any time when they could be indemnified against the liability of the payment of the notes more than once. Since that time the notes have been paid. An indemnity bond was furnished by J. H. Albert as surety.

**DIES FROM STAB
WITH CANDLESTICK**

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
Redding, Cal., Sept. 8.—Deputies are searching today for J. A. Reid, who caused the death of J. B. Wilson, by stabbing him with a miner's candlestick. The wound was inflicted last Wednesday in the Gladstone mine, in a fight over the disappearance of a shovel. Wilson was apparently not seriously hurt, but Sunday night he suffered a relapse, which resulted in his death.

If you should be kidnaped how much do you suppose your best friend would give to get you back?

No man can be all his neighbor thinks he ought to be unless he is ashamed of himself.