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Viceroy of India Attacked

Bomb Thrown at Him as He Was Riding Elephant Kills Servant, but While Injured the Viceroy Esacpes

Delhi, India, Dec. 24.—Baron and Baroness Hardinge, viceroy and vicereine of India, narrowly escaped assassination by a native fanatic yesterday while making their ceremonial entry into Delhi, the new imperial capital of India.

The splinters of the powerful bomb which killed one native attendant and injured another, penetrated the back and shoulders of the viceroy and he was also wounded in the neck by the screws with which the bomb was filled and which passed through his helmet.

The doctors who removed the metal splinters from the wounds declared it was marvelous that the viceroy escaped fatal injuries.

Lady Hardinge immediately after the explosion asked her husband if he was hurt. He replied: "I am all right. Go. on."

Lady Hardinge then said:

"We cannot. There is a dead man behind."

The elephant on which they were riding halted and the viceroy tried to stand up, but reeled and fainted and the officials who gathered around had much difficulty in removing him from the elephant's back. The howdah in which he and Lady Hardinge had been seated was blown into matchwood.

An officitl report of the injuries to Baron Hardinge issued tonight by his surgeons says that a portion of the projectile struck him at the back of the right shoulder and along the inner border of the shoulder blade. It passed upward and issued through the vein along the upper line of the shoulder, causing a wound four inches long and exposing the muscle and bone. The lungs were not injured.

Other fragments of the bomb caused several wounds on the neck. There was a moderate loss of blood, the shock was severe and some deafness was caused by the explosion. Baron Hardinge lost consciousness, but soon recovered and is resting fairly comfortably.

The umbrella bearer who was killed had acted in that capacity for Lord Curzon.

The bomb thrower has not yet been caught. A reward of 10,000 rupees (approximately $3300) has been offered for his arrest.

Baron Hardinge was appointed last summer to succeed the Earl of Minto, who was former Governor-general of Canada, as viceroy of India. Shortly after his appointment he was elevated to the peerage.

The bomb thrower's attempt to kill Lard Hardinge was almost successful. The viceroy was making entry in state into Delhi as the last of the ceremonies in connection with the transfer of the capital fro Calcutta to Delhi. The transfer was made in October last, but Lord Hardinge was not to take formal possession of his new quarters until today.

A large gathering of troops, officials and Punjab chiefs was present to welcome the viceregal party. Its splendid elephant procession had just left the railway station passing through Chandai Chak when the bomb was thrown. It was hurled by a man standing on a house top and it struck the howdah in which Lord and Lady Hardinge were riding.

Lady Hardinge suffered severely from the shock and it was found necessary to apply soothing remedies.

The ceremonies were interrupted for only a short period while the viceroy and Lady Hardinge were being conveyed to the hospital and the viceregal residence respectively.

Motive for Attack Mystery.

London, Dec. 24.—The motive for the attempt on the life of Baron Hardinge, viceroy of India, is a mystery on which it will be impossible to hazard a guess until it is known whether the miscreant is a Hindu or a Mussulman. It is not known whether the bomb-thrower has been arrested.

Intense indignation is expressed in Calcutta and here over the incident.

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Indians Charitable.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 24.—Determined to show they are as generous as most white people, Indians on the Umatilla reservation today sent Annie M. Thorn, a squaw, to town with 20 quarts of canned fruit to be distributed among Pendleton's poor whites. The action of the Indians comes as a surprise as many residents expected to make the inhabitants of the reservation the special objects of their charity.

Stand on Rights as Citizens

Boise, Ida., Dec. 24.—Richard Story Sheridan, owner and publisher, and C. O. Broxton, managing editor of the Evening Capital News of this city, cited for contempt by the supreme court of this state for the publication of the Roosevelt telegram criticising the court's disfranchisement opinion striking the Roosevelt electors from the ballot November 5, and for themselves criticising the same opinion through their paper, rested their case yesterday without the introduction of evidence through witnesses.

A. R. Crozen, alleged stockholder in the paper, presented his defense during practically the entire afternoon, through testimony of witnesses, to show that, while it had been common rumor he controlled the policy of the Capital News, which aided Roosevelt's fight in Idaho and was the official state organ of the Progressive party, he, in fact, neither controlled the policy and owns none of the paper's bonds or stock.

The closing argument in the unusual case began today at 10 o'clock, when it will be submitted for final adjudication to the court which accuses the defendants and sits on the case as judge and jury.

FREE BRIDGES AND STATE HIGHWAYS

Lewiston, Idaho, Dec. 24.—(Special)—The Security Bridge Company is proceeding with the work of constructing the bridge across the Clearwater river. The bridge is designed for a lift span. It will be constructed without at this time installing the lifting machinery, but in such a manner that the lifting machinery can be installed later at any time when it is desirable to use the Clearwater river for navigation. The construction of this bridge connects the Idaho system with the Palouse-Spokane highway system in the state of Washington and affords an outlet for all the central and north Idaho counties.

The state of Idaho will be urged to join with the state of Washington in acquiring a bridge over Snake river between Lewiston and Clarkston. This will give access for the central and north Idaho counties to the state of Washington highway system connecting with Pomeroy, Dayton, Walla Walla and thence to the coast, where the Washington highway connects with the Pacific highway now being constructed by co-operation of the states of California, Oregon, Washington and the Canadian government. These two briges, when completed, will tie the central Idaho highway system into the Pacific coast system.

SALOONS DONATED $300 FOR THE NEEDY

In keeping with the usual custom, the Salem Retail Liquor Dealers' association today turned over to local charity society $300 to be used to cheer the poor of this city. The saloon men of Salem have always come to the front on Christmas and many a poor family has been assisted by them. Every saloon proprietor in Salem, with the exception of one, contributed to the fund to assist the poor.

Three Marriage Licenses.

County Clerk Allen acting as special agent for Cupid, grew generous today. He let loose of three marriage licenses at Christmas presents to three happy couples who declared they were going to celebrate the eventful day fittingly. They are: Geo. L. Long and Bertie Elwood Wakefield, of Turner; Philip Schweitzer and Dollie Clara Edeman, of Salem, and Frank Lallare and Catherine Crawford, of Salem. School Superintendent Smith loaned his services to the last couple as witness.

Baskets Are Sent to Fifty

Salvation Army Brightens Christmas With Generous Donations to Those Whom They Know to be in Need

The local Salvation Army this afternoon distributed fifty Christmas baskets, each containing one chicken, 10 pounds of flour, a pound of butter, a pound of coffee, half pound of tea, pound of sugar, two loaves of bread, one bunch of celery, one jar of fruit, a quart of cranberries, nuts, candy, sack of apples, can of milk, two pounds of prunes, a Christmas War Cry, and a gunny sack of potatoes.

These baskets were filled last night at the Army hall, and this afternoon were delivered, or in some cases called for.

A careful investigation has been made in each case by the captain of the Salvation Army and the generous donors, who furnished the money that made these gifts possible can rest assured that every basket has gone where it is needed, where it will do real good, and make happier those whom fate or circumstances has left in need.

Most of the funds were donations made in small sums in the "kettles," though there were some individual donations that helped greatly.

An invitation has been sent to every one of the families to whom baskets have been sent, to come to the Christmas tree tomorrow night in the big hall over the Salem Hardware Co's place of business on State and Commercial. A fine program will be rendered by the Sunday school class of the Army, after which the presents will be distributed from the tree. Each child of these families will receive a substantial gift, a pair of shoes, underclothing, a suit of clothes, according to their various needs. Every gift being for the comfort and protection of the little ones, rather than toys or something to amuse.

The Salvation Army, especially its big-hearted officers, who have devoted their lives to His service, cannot be too highly commended for their good work along practical lines, that will bring joy and comfort and hope to so many, and as they still need funds to perfect the work those moved by the true Christmas spirit will find no better place to show their appreciation of their own good fortune than at the Army, where they can make their money speak for them.

Conditions Drove Him to Crime

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

New York, Dec. 24.—A 17-year-old boy, terribly crippled, pleaded guilty today to robbery and assault in the first degree, and by his plea secured a reformatory sentence instead of the long term in states prison that he plainly expected. He could hardly draw himself to the bench in front of Judge O'Sullivan for sentence. He was Henry Magnus, and he beat and robbed an elevated ticket seller November 25.

"Judge," said Magnus, "as you can see, I am cross-eyed, knock-kneed and my feet and legs are deformed. Whenever I got work I was ridiculed by my fellows. I finally had to quit every job I got. I had to live, so I stole. I guess I am just naturally crooked."

Officer Jack Whitlatch Resigns.

Officer Jack Whitlatch resigned his position today and will begin immediately braking on the Oregon Electric line. Mr. Whitlatch has served under Chief of Police Hamilton for nearly a year and his reputation as an officer is splendid. Mr. Matlock, who has also served under Chief Hamilton at different times, will fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Whitlatch's resignation. The new officer will act until only the first of the year, however.

Big Rabbit Hunt.

Stanfield, Or., Dec. 24.—The people of this city are preparing today for the biggest rabbit hunt in the history of Oregon. Besides the villagers, a thousand visitors from the countryside about will join in the hunt and a special train from Pendleton will bring rabbit chasers from that point. The line will extend for ten miles and it is expected that 10,000 rabbits will be corralled. No guns will be used.

Two Silver Gray Foxes Are Caught

There was on display, hung in the window of the First National bank of this place, this week the furs of two silver gray foxes that were caught in a trap near Snow mountain by Ed. Chambers and Denver Leedy. The fur of the silver gray fox is very valuable, and is quoted by furriers as ranging as high as $1000, and is regarded as the most valuable fur found in the United States. It has been said that its fur is worth its weight in gold. They are very scarce, and there seems to be a confusion as to whether the silver gray is a distinct species or a variety of the red or cross fox. Some incline to the belief that it is more in the nature of a freak, and is whelped by a red fox. A red fox will have a litter of seven or eight pups, and occasionally in the litter there is one that has the distinction and marks of the silver gray. At any rate they do not seem to propagate, and it is only at rare intervals that one is found.

The furs exhibited here differed somewhat, or just about as much as might be expected between the male and female. One was dark, almost black, except the tips of the hair, which gives it a glossy, shining appearance. The tail was black and very bushy, except the end, which was white. The ears were short, pointed and as soft as velvet, and the feet were densly furred, resembling that of some Arctic animal. The other fur was much the same, except that it had a reddish appearance.

So far as known but few of these animals have been captured in the county. Along about 1885 Rafe Cobb caught two silver gray foxes near Fox mountain, and about the same time one was killed near Hog Flat by Blackwell and Walter White.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

MAIL FROM FAIR GROUNDS GOT SLIGHT DELAY

A quantity of mail sent out from the Fair Grounds postoffice on Sunday was yesterday brought back to the office from Portland. This action on the part of the railroad company is not understood by the postmaster, and it is necessary for him to re-mail the pieces in the Salem city office.

Mail at the fair grounds office is taken off a hook by two trains each way daily. There is a postal law that only 50 pounds can be mailed in a sack, and that if there is more than this amount the postmaster has the privilege of stopping the first train passing after the sack is taken from the hook, regardless of whether the train is accustomed to carry mail, and sending out the over-quantity by that train.

The over-quantity, which was due to the Christmas rush, was placed on one of the trains that regularly stops at the fair grounds, but which does not carry mail. The postmaster was chagrined when the mail came back the next day.

Everybody Decorating.

More enthusiasm is being displayed in decorating the city prior to Christmas than ever before. All the nifty little theatres, stores, and in fact every establishment in the city is being dressed up for the eventful day in pretty colors. The beautiful evergreen firs seem to be the ideal decoration, and youngsters by bringing them in make plenty of cash with which to remember ma and dad with a Christmas present.

Seymour and Spahos, convicted of murdering a Greek at Medford, were sentenced Saturday to be hanged. They will be brought to Salem in a day or two, and help deter others from committing murder, by being hanged.

Old Timer Pays Visit to Salem

Notes the Paved Streets and Big Buildings, and Calls Attention to the Conditions Existing 20 Years Ago

Sheriff Andy Coss, of Adams county, Washington, was in the city today securing a requisition for a prisoner now held in Baker county, and is taking advantage of the time necessary to make out the papers by visiting his many old friends here.

Sheriff Coss is an ex-policeman and ex-fire chief of Salem. Along about 1898 and '99 he served under Harry P. Minto, who was Salem's police chief at that time. In 1894 he was appointed fire chief of the old Tiger fire department, which was then located in the building across the alley from the Salem Board of Trade building. Many stirring incidents occurred in the olden days, when the fire apparatus was wheeled to a conflagration by hand, and water furnished in the same manner with a big pump. While police officer, he states, that he and Sheriff Minto were up against some mighty tough propositions many times.

"Salem has changed greatly since my time here," declared Sheriff Coss. "One can hardly realize the growth and advanced prosperity of the city until after being away a while. I can remember when there was not an inch of pavement in this place, and how we fellows used to run about in the mud with the old hose cart. These nice, new tall buildings look good to me also, and Salem should be proud of them."

Sheriff Coss has many friends in Salem, among whom is Frank, "Hickey," Haas. Mr. Haas was then a leading cornetist in the Salem band, and always active in the interest of the city. The visitor's cousin is Mrs. Oswald West, and he has several other relatives in Salem and vicinity. The sheriff would like very much to spend his Christmas in the old home town, the place where he was born, in fact, but, owing to it being necessary that he return his prisoner to Washington as soon as possible, he must leave this afternoon.

Rebels Are Busy.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, Dec. 23.—State department dispatches today indicate an alarming renewal of rebel activities in the state of Morelos and Pueblo, Mexico. Rebel depredations in the states of Durango and Zacatecas are also reported holder.

Council Extends the Time

Replying to the charge of Chief of Police Hamilton that the company has been running its cars in Salem without air brakes, Frank Waters of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Co. last night appeared before the city council and asked for a six-months' extension of time in which the ordinance might be complied with. He said that the company had tried continually to procure air brakes, but that on account of a crowding of orders in the factories it had been an absolute impossibility. The council voted to grant the extension.

Alderman Hatch ridiculed the promises of the company in installing air brakes on the cars in Salem streets, and said that he was not in favor of asking it to put air brakes on the few second class cars it has here. Alderman Constable also said that he would not vote to make the company provide "the little jim crow cars with air brakes." When the vote to extend the time was taken Alderman Turner said that it was the first time he had ever seen a legislative body exercise the pardoning power.

"We do some wonderful things in this council," replied Mayor Lachmund.

Tired But Game.

Livingston, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Garbed in the heaviest clothing and their feet encased in men's huge rubber boots, the five suffragettes who remain of the band which started to walk from New York to Albany, left Red Hook at noon bound for this city.

For the whole six miles of todays' trip the snow is drifted in huge piles, and on the level it is nine inches deep. The walk is to take four hours.

Murder Is an Utter Mystery

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The murder of J. H. Logue, the diamond merchant, found shot, stabbed, slashed and burned with acid in his office here Friday, took its place yesterday as a mystery along with the recent murder of Mrs. Kraft.

Captain Halpin, of the Chicago detective bureau, has ordered the release of two of the suspects taken in connection with the crime and admitted that he had no evidence to connect the other five with Logue's death.

Captain Halpin also has abandoned hope of connecting the three men and two women still held with the recent highway robberies by "automobile bandits" here. They are held for possible federal action because of the packages of parcels post stamps found in the flat where the arrests were made.

Members of a different band of criminals are sought. The police are looking for Gertie Frisbie as the mysterious "Gertie," who was a frequent visitor to the diamond merchant's office.

Gertie Frisbie was a well-known character here who disappeared a few years ago, when her sweetheart, "Eddie" Tate, a notorious safe-blower, was sentenced to a term in prison. Tate recently was released, and a short time ago Gertie Frisbie re-appeared here with every evidence of prosperity, including many diamonds. The police are satisfied she is the "Gertie" who visited Logue.

"Eddie" Tate is said to have returned secretly to Chicago. Willie Gilbooley, a diamond thief and expert criminal of international reputation, is the third member of the band the police are seeking.

MAY GET PAROLES IN CHRISTMAS STOCKING

There are rumors that Governor West may hand out a bunch of Christmas presents to convicts at the state penitentiary in the shape of paroles. Among those who are seeking for clemency is James L. Riley, who was convicted of manslaughter for killing Louis Long at Prineville, in Crook county.

Riley's wife was eloping with Long, the court development showed, when Riley, overtaking the man and woman shot and killed Long. Petitions for Riley's parole have been turned over to the governor, and there is said to be a chance that he will consider the petitions favorably.

The other hopefuls at the state prison are O. O. Allen, convicted in Multnomah county for rape; Frank Asara, Wasco county, larceny; George Ho, Multnomah county, larceny; George Lee, Grant county, horse stealing; Frank Todd, Multnomah county, larceny; Hugh Jones, Grant county, obtaining money under false pretenses.

Just a Little Tilt.

Complaining against the recorder Charles F. Elgin, the council yesterday from the city, has been summoned to write answer on the side for street construction, a communication was read last night before the council from Thomas Smith, Insurance & Meredith and H. H. Taylor, all local insurance agents.

Recorder Elgin is a member of the insurance firm of Cronkite & Co. It is understood that Cronkite has not written for contracts for several months because the mayor has refused to sign contracts for contracting firms whose bonds were sold by Cronkite & Co.

A tilt ensued in the council meeting between the mayor and Recorder Elgin, in which the latter charged the mayor with making misstatements. The affair was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Terms of Peace Are Outlined

If These Terms Are Finally Agreed upon Turkey Will Have Little but Constantinople Left in Europe

London, Dec. 24.—After several days of preliminary skirmishing in accordance with the cherished traditions of Oriental diplomacy, the Turkish delegates face today the real attack of the allies at the fifth meeting of the peace conference.

The victorious allies laid their most important cards on the table. These were in the form of territorial conditions which they had agreed to impose on the Ottoman empire. The demands as set forth were:

First—The cession by Turkey of all the territory west of a line starting from a point east of Rodosto, on the Sea of Marmora, to a point in the Bay of Malatra on the Black Sea, and excluding the peninsula of Gallipoli. Albania's status to be decided by the powers.

Second—the cession of the Aegean Island occupied by the Greek forces in the present war and by the Italians in the recent war.

Third—The cession to Greece of all Turkish rights in the Island of Crete.

The allies did not reveal today the financial proposals which they will make to Turkey, reserving them for a future meeting.

Before the allies presented their specifications today the Turks announced that their government was prepared to proceed with the negotiations, leaving the question of revictualing Adrianople for discussion between Turkey and Bulgaria. They abandon their previous request to provision Scutari and Janina.

The formal conference lasted only a quarter of an hour. The Turks listened to the proclamation of the fate of their European empire without formal comment, and asked for an adjournment until Saturday to consider the allies' demands. In the informal conversation with the delegates, which consumed an hour, they asserted that it would be impossible for them to accept such terms, but that statement is inevitable on meetings of this character and was expected today.

The territorial profits of the war which the allies will divide are the same as those published in these dispatches December 14, with the exception of the arrangement of the powers made for Albania. The allies will recognize the autonomy of Albania under the suzerainty of the porte, but not in sovereignty. Albania will become what Crete was and what Egypt is in its relation to Turkey."

The sultan will be the nominal ruler, but without political, administrative or military power. He will have the right to raise his flag in Albania and appoint a resident governor, but only for the purpose of ratifying the decisions of the local government.

All the delegations attended today's session in full force, with their military and legal advisers and secretaries. Every one appreciated the fact that the meeting was to mark the passage of the deliberations from the preliminary stage to that of real negotiations and that it was destined to revise the map of Europe.

Surprise Is Given Gossips.

Newport, Or., Dec. 24.—As the result of an extraordinary courtship the marriage of Frank Prisbe and Mrs. Estelle M. Powers, of Newport, which took place in Corvallis December 19, has taken Newport citizens completely by surprise.

The principals were middle-aged and have resided in Newport more than 20 years, but they have never been seen together. On the day of the wedding they went to Corvallis separately and a telegram from California, whither they had gone after the wedding, was the first news of the event.

Newport is small enough to allow all its people to become acquainted and any intimate friendships are soon the subject of gossip, but this latest marriage between two persons apparently known to everybody but each other has been too much for anybody here to grasp.